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Downing of Iranian Airbus by the Vincennes

## Report blames human error

WASHINGTON, Aug 3. (Agencies): Human error and not a highly sophisticated radar system was responsible for the shooting down of an airliner with 290 people aboard over the Gulf in July, according to US news reports.

US defence officials confirmed these reports.

The defence officials said the Navy report, which could be a major embarrassment to the United States, was still under study by the US Central Command in Tampa and had not yet been forwarded to the military joint Chiefs of Staff and Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci.

### Disaster

"The report concludes ... that human error was primarily responsible for the disaster," the ABC network said yesterday.

Iran Air Flight 655 was shot down by the US cruiser Vincennes on July 3, killing all 290 on board.

ABC said Navy investigators

concluded that the complex Aegis radar missile targeting system on the one-billion-dollar ship performed well.

The ship's commander, Captain Will Rogers, ordered a missile attack on the plane after he was told it was descending toward the ship with the high speed of an attacking American-built F-14 fighter plane, US officials said.

### Altitude

But ABC quoted the Navy report as saying computer records show the Aegis system accurately determined the Iranian plane was climbing, not descending toward the ship, and was flying far slower than the 450 nautical miles per hour of an F-14.

The New York Times, citing unnamed Defence Department officials, said the inquiry found the Aegis data was misinterpreted as a result of the psychological stress of being in combat for the first time.

The newspaper said investigators concluded that tension

aboard the ship was high at the time because the crew had just engaged Iranian attack boats.

The ship was on high alert after intelligence reports warned of possible terrorist attacks on US targets during the July 4 holiday weekend, the paper said.

It said the crew of the Vincennes had never before been in bat-

Details including airspeed and altitude do not show automatically on the main Aegis radar screen but must be called up separately on a smaller screen by one of the officers operating the system, ABC said.

Until now US speculation had focussed on the Aegis system as the likely cause of the inaccurate information, with congressional critics saying there were several failures during tests of the system.

"The findings... once again prove that what we said from the very beginning was actually what happened," he said.

A US congressional subcommittee called a relative of the dead Iranian pilot to testify on the issue of compensation.

Nahid Sadeghi, whose brother-in-law was flying the airliner when it was among three witnesses summoned.

The team arrived in the port city late yesterday for a three-day visit to inspect the scene of the crash, wreckage of the Airbus, Bandar Abbas airport and search operations," said the official IRNA.

### Apology

Iran's delegation to UN peace talks called today for an apology and reparations by the United States over its downing of the Airbus.

Mohammad Javad Zarif, spokesman for the Iranian delegation, made the call following news reports that the official US report on the incident blamed Iran.

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The hearing of the case has been fixed for Aug 28.

### Blinds

The government says that the constitution binds the President to only announce the date of new elections within 90 days of the dissolution of the National Assembly and not to hold them in that period.

As such when he announced the date on July 20 he was well within the prescribed time because only 53 days had elapsed from the dissolution.

Another petition is expected to be filed in a superior court challenging Zia's decision to hold elections on a party basis.

According to reports Benazir Bhutto, the chief of the Pakistan Peoples Party will file the petition in either the Supreme Court in Rawalpindi or one of the four provincial high courts.

### Findings

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The trio on Jan 22, 1986, was convicted after a nine-month trial on charges of murder and conspiring to kill Mrs Gandhi to avenge a June 1984 Army assault on heavily armed Sikh separatists occupying the Golden Temple of Amritsar.

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Tass said it would also run an interview with the young pilot.

## PLO cautiously welcomes Hussein's move

BAGHDAD, Aug 3. (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation officials today cautiously welcomed Jordan's decision to cut legal ties with the Israeli-held West Bank, saying it placed Israel and the United States "face to face" with the PLO.

But they expressed scepticism about Jordan's intention, saying King Hussein might be trying to pressure Palestinians into reliance upon Jordan.

"We are dealing with it on the basis it is a positive step on the part of Jordan," said a senior PLO official who insisted he not be further identified.

"Also we are dealing with it on the basis of removing from our minds the Jordanian intentions behind this step — whether it is pressure or not," he added, echoing doubts expressed by other PLO officials attending leadership talks here.

### Favour

Hussein announced over the weekend that he was severing administrative and legal ties with the West Bank — the portion of Palestine he ruled from 1948 until Israel captured it in 1967.

He said he was stepping aside in favour of the PLO, and called for an independent Palestinian state.

The senior PLO official said Hussein's action "cancelled the Jordanian option" advocated by some American and Israeli officials who favour returning the West Bank to Jordan in exchange for peace rather than allowing a Palestinian state.

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A PLO delegation is due to visit Jordan soon to discuss the issue and prepare for a visit by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, whose relations with Jordan have been strained since Hussein broke off talks with him in mid-1986.

The senior PLO official indicated Jordan's action might prompt new PLO diplomatic activity, saying it has "accelerated Palestinian thinking regarding realistic political initiatives."

He declined to specify what steps might be taken.

He attributed Jordan's action to the pro-PLO uprising on the West Bank, during which "Jordanian institutions in the occupied territories were rendered valueless."

He also said it was due to the May Algiers Arab summit, which "referred to the PLO as the sole legitimate representative (of the Palestinians) without referring to any relations with Jordan."

But he termed it "a pressure tactic" rather than "a strategic decision" by Jordan.

### Passports

"Those who advised King Hussein to take this step did not realise to what extent we would benefit," he said, referring to palace advisers allegedly hostile to the PLO.

"If they have the illusion that the PLO will kneel, I would like to assure them the PLO will not kneel," he said.

Jordan is the primary financial avenue for the 800,000 West Bank Palestinians. Most hold Jordanian passports and many receive Jordanian salaries.

But the PLO official said he believed Jordan would not cut salaries, withdraw passports or take other steps which could be seen as "a punishment of the

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Relatives of Balbir Singh wave in victory after his conviction was overturned. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Supreme Court frees third defendant

## Convictions of two in Indira murder upheld

NEW DELHI, Aug. 3. (UPI): India's highest court today upheld death sentences of two Sikhs found guilty in the Oct 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, but overturned the conviction of a third defendant.

The Supreme Court decision prompted authorities to declare a security alert across northern India to prevent retaliatory attacks by Sikh extremists who have killed more than 1,800 people this year in their fight for independence for Punjab state.

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## INTERNATIONAL

**Hezbollah 'executes' kidnapper**

BEIRUT, Aug 3. (Reuters): The radical pro-Iranian Hezbollah, widely accused of abducting Westerners, said today it had "executed" the kidnappers of three Lebanese children.

It said in a statement to news agencies: "Following measures by Hezbollah against members of the gang arrested for involvement in the kidnapping of the three Al Ariss children..."

"Hezbollah carried out a just sentence... and executed Yousef Jawhar after he confessed his involvement in several armed kidnappings, terrorising civilians and extorting money."

The children of wealthy foreign exchange dealer Zuhier Al Ariss were grabbed by six gunmen while on their way to school on June 14 but rescued three days later in an operation by Hezbollah and Syrian troops.

Hezbollah said after the rescue it had arrested the kidnappers who demanded three million dollars ransom for Dana Al Ariss, 13, and her brothers Samer, 11, and Ramzi, six.

The Hezbollah statement said Jawhar, a Shi'ite Muslim Lebanese, was the mastermind of the seizures and was responsible for demanding ransom from the families, it said.

Hezbollah did not say how Jawhar was killed nor give details about the fate of the other gang members.

At least 10 children of wealthy families have been seized over the past year by gunmen seeking cash ransoms.

Hezbollah is widely accused of involvement in the kidnapping of up to 18 Westerners missing in Lebanon but denies links to hostage-taking.



Etienne Marais (front row left) was among 143 South Africans who refused further service in the Army because they believe it upholds apartheid. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Gesture of mass defiance in S. Africa****Whites refuse Army service**

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 3. (Reuters): Scores of young white South Africans publicly refused today to report for compulsory military service in a gesture of mass defiance that could earn them up to six years in jail.

At secretive press conferences in four cities 143 men, mainly professionals and students, simultaneously announced they would not serve because they saw the Army as an instrument of unjust race policies.

"We believe that the South African defence force helps to uphold the system of apartheid," they said in a joint statement.

Last month a court sentenced 25-year-old law student David Bruce to the maximum six years' imprisonment for refusing military service in this stand.

Hurley pledged his church's

support for attempts to change the law on conscientious objection to military service.

Marius, describing his experiences in the Angola and South African-ruled Namibia, told reporters: "What I am angry about is that I was conscripted into waging war against a people that I had no quarrel with... that I was part of a crazy and brutal occupation."

Journalists were led to the conferences via several rendezvous to throw security forces off the trail. The venues varied from a university campus room in Johannesburg to a church hall in Cape Town.

Speakers said the Army acted as brutal oppressor in the townships, reserved for blacks under South Africa's race laws.

**Support**

Behind him rows of other objectors stood facing television cameras after distributing their names and signed statements.

In Durban, Roman Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley chaired the objectors' meeting and told them: "I find myself full of admiration at the courage of this stand."

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**Namibian independence linked to Cuban pullout****Pretoria's truce proposal rejected**

GENEVA, Aug 3. (Reuters): Cuba and Angola today rejected a surprise South African proposal for a ceasefire in Angola and independence for Namibia, Cuba said.

"The South African proposal has not yet been discussed during the Geneva negotiations. Nor is it acceptable for the joint Angolan and Cuban delegation," Cuba said in a statement issued at US-mediated talks on southern Africa.

Cuba and Angola would not cut short the peace negotiations on southern Africa which began in London last May and have continued in Cairo, New York and Geneva, the Cuban statement said.

**Retracte**

"Cuba and Angola reiterate their readiness to continue with seriousness and respect negotiations necessary to seek just peace in the southwestern area of Africa," it said.

South Africa announced in Pretoria yesterday that it was prepared to begin implementing a United Nations independence plan for South African-ruled Namibia on Nov 1.

The offer was conditional on Cuba withdrawing an estimated 50,000 troops from Angola by June next year and on the closing of seven Angolan bases of the African National Congress

(ANC), which is fighting to end white domination in South Africa.

The announcement, made in Pretoria by Foreign Minister Piko Botha, surprised delegates to the Geneva talks who had imposed a blanket of secrecy on their discussions.

Cuba said South Africa could not fix a date for the withdrawal of "internationalist troops who defend Angola from the aggression of the South African government."

A date for Cuban withdrawal would be fixed by Angola and Cuba "when threats to the integrity and sovereignty of Angola cease," Cuba said.

**Proposed**

Angola and Cuba have previously proposed a Cuban withdrawal over four years. The Cuban troops are supporting the Angolan government against South African-backed Unita rebels.

Cuba said South Africa could not make Namibian independence conditional on the termination of Angolan aid to the ANC, nor could it demand that restrictions be imposed on the activities of black nationalist Namibian guerrillas.

This would convert the Angolan government into a "gendarme of the aspirations of apartheid," Cuba said.

The Geneva talks are the fourth round of four-nation talks aimed at securing the withdrawal of the Cuban troops and independence for Namibia, which Pretoria rules in defiance of the United Nations.

Cuba accused South Africa of breaking a confidentiality agreement in force at the talks.

The Israeli government came under right-wing pressure today to annex the occupied West Bank and Gaza, where Palestinians have been in revolt for nearly eight months, to fill a vacuum left by Jordan.

"This is the time for Israel to stake its claim open," explicitly and to declare its sovereignty over the entire area, a member of the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party told reporters.

"The alternative would be the Palestinian PLO organisation," said Yuval Ne'eman, a member of the Knesset (parliament).

Political sources said Israeli right-wing ministers Ariel Sharon and Yitzhak Modai also proposed annexing the West Bank and Gaza — or parts of the occupied territories — at a meeting of the 10-member inner cabinet.

Israel radio said Modai told the meeting Israel should initiate moves rather than wait for further moves by King Hussein.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, refused to confirm or deny that annexation proposals were discussed at the inner cabinet session.

But he said that, although the government believed the West Bank was part of Israel, it had to respect international agreements, especially the 1978 Camp David accord with Egypt.

**Iraq raids Iranian gas plant again**

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only damage the peace process and I don't believe the UN leader is not keen on achieving peace."

Iraq has twice refused to accept from Perez de Cuellar a copy of his proposed peace timetable, a senior diplomat said at the UN today.

An Arab League committee

set up to monitor the war ended a meeting in Baghdad today with a declaration of support for Iraq's insistence on face-to-face talks.

"The committee calls on the international community and the UN Security Council member states... to boost efforts to guarantee a just, comprehensive and durable settlement for the conflict, through direct negotiations," said the committee, whose members include Iraq.

Tehran Radio, dismissed the committee's support, which it noted was expressed after a meeting in Baghdad.

**Reflects**

"Its position in no way reflects that of all member countries of the Arab League," the radio said.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei told a rally yesterday that Iran doubted UN negotiations could achieve peace and said if Iraq insisted on direct talks, Iran would set conditions of its own.

But Perez de Cuellar commented: "I have to be very careful about these public statements... sometimes they don't reflect exactly the thinking of the leaders who address the press."

In an interview with Iranian television from the United Nations, Velayati called for a ban on the export of materials used to manufacture chemical weapons.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larijani arrived in Moscow today for talks on mutual and regional issues, Tehran Radio reported.

The United States has condemned Iraq for use of chemical weapons in the war, which a UN report had the day before called "intensive and frequent."

**Fire on US aircraft carrier**

WASHINGTON, Aug 3. (Reuters): An engine-room fire aboard the US aircraft carrier Constellation off California injured about 20 crew members but did not disable the ship, a Navy spokesman said today.

He said fire broke out in one of the engine rooms just after noon (1900 GMT) yesterday as the conventionally powered carrier was steaming out of San Diego on a training cruise.

**Wedding tragedy**

ISLAMABAD, Aug 3. (Reuters): A wedding in Quetta ended in tragedy when a guest lost control of the rifle he was firing into the air and killed four men, the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency reported.

**23 die as Bulgarian airliner crashes**

VIENNA, Austria, Aug 3. (Agencies): A Bulgarian airliner today failed to take off from a Sofia runway and crashed into a river bed, killing at least 23 people on board, including a Soviet diplomat, state media reported today.

There were 37 people on board, including four crew members.

The official Bulgarian news agency BTA said a consul at the Soviet consulate general in the Black Sea coast town of Varna where the plane was headed, was among the dead.

He was identified as Yuri Evgenyevich Cheryomin, 38.

Sources in Sofia said the official Communist Party daily Rabotnicheskata Delo described the crash in today's editions.

The sources, who insisted on anonymity, said the newspaper reported that the Yak-40

**Israeli tablet can counter chemical weapons**

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 3. (AP): Israel, fearing the threat of chemical warfare, is distributing a tablet that increases immunity to chemical weapons, the Army's chief medical doctor announced today.

"We're also at the end of research and beginning of development of a new injection... so we will be able to provide each soldier with a syringe in the field, without need for refrigeration and with a long shelf life," Brig. Gen. Yehuda Danon said on Israel radio.

The Army also has conducted drills in Israeli hospitals using medical teams especially trained to treat victims of chemical weapons, the Daily Maariv reported today.

The Army hopes to conduct drills in all Israeli hospitals during the coming year and equip them with special equipment to treat victims, the newspaper said.

**Planet found orbiting distant star**

BALTIMORE, Aug 3. (AP): A group of astronomers making routine measurements on a star have found the first confirmed evidence of a planet orbiting a star other than our own sun.

David W. Latham, who led the team that made the discovery, said the planet is 30,000 times larger than the earth and probably lifeless because it would have a surface temperature of hundreds of degrees.

"It's much hotter than an oven," said Latham. "This is not a place you would look for life."

The planet is so close to its star that it orbits once every 84 days, Latham said. Mercury, the planet closest to the sun, has an orbit of 87 days.

Latham and his team found the planet while running instrument tests on a star called HD 114762. He said the star was one of a group called "candidate standard stars" that astronomers have been measuring for years to establish the characteristics of basic star types.

According to official reports

the twin-calamity has struck 22 districts in the Punjab and four frontier provinces leaving a trail of devastation to life and property.

Besides loss of 161 lives, an estimated 600 cattle-heads have perished after having been swept away by swirling waters of flooded rivers across the two provinces.

Nearly 2,000 villages were submerged in flood water in Punjab alone making as many as 9,98,000 people shelterless. The government set up a string of relief camps for them. The number of houses destroyed was put at 14,475 and those damaged at

and the Americans will then have 17 months to pack up and go home unless a new accord is signed.

Washington maintains four major Air Force and Naval bases and some 20 smaller facilities in this east Mediterranean country.

About 3,700 American military personnel are stationed at the installations.

**Position**

Hellenikon is next to Athens international airport and uses the same runway as commercial flights into Greece. Its position is a constant reminder of the US military presence in the country.

The US Air Force uses the base for re-supply and transport operations throughout the Middle East as well as surveillance operations there by RC-135 reconnaissance planes.

**Heavy rains play havoc****Floods kill 161 in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, Aug 3. (KUNA): Abnormally heavy rains and high floods have caused havoc in the Punjab and Frontier provinces killing at least 161 people and rendering about one million homeless.

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According to him the funds placed for anti-flood measures by the government for the purpose were inadequate. Maqbool Alam said the amount available for anti-flood operations was Rs. 161 million where as the actual need was of the order of Rs. 612 million.

The worst affected districts in

the Punjab were Sialkot, Jhang, Gujrat, Lahore, Mianwali, Multan, Muzaffargarh, Kasur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Gujranwala and Sargodha.

Pasur town in Sialkot district was surrounded by flood water and cut off from the rest of the country. Jhelum river had entered the city of Jhelum and Chenab on the national highway when the two rivers rose into high flood following heavy rains in catchment areas.

Similarly River Indus, had inundated the district of Attock bordering the Frontier Province.

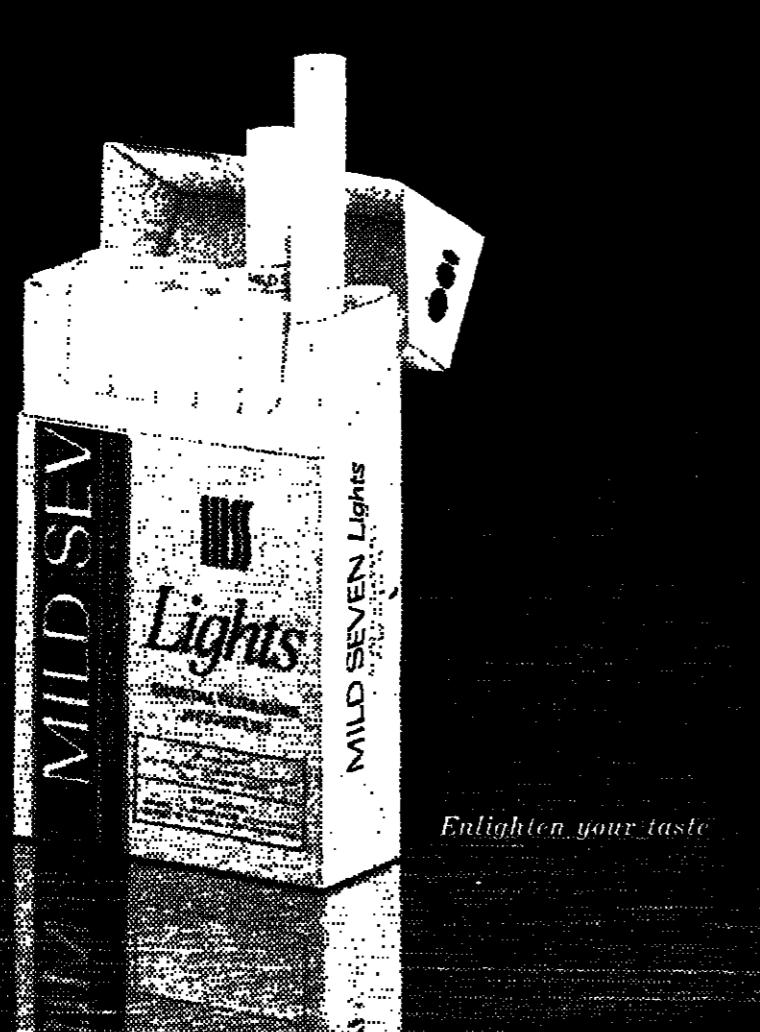
In the Frontier Province the districts of Mansehra, Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan and Swat bore the brunt of floods and rains, with Mansehra being the worst victim.

Rains broke all previous records in July in Islamabad registering 500 millimetres of rainfall in the month.

The Associated Press of Pakistan news agency reported.

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## US holding \$12b in Iran's assets

**THE HAGUE**, Aug 3. (AP): The United States is holding billions of dollars worth of impounded Iranian military equipment, and Iran has raised the issue in connection with American hostages in Lebanon.

Statements last week by Iran's acting commander-in-chief, Hashemi Rafsanjani, marked the third time since the 1979 seizure of the 52 American hostages at the US Embassy in Tehran that the issue of Iranian assets frozen by the United States has been linked to American hostages.

"If he is talking about military equipment, then the arbitration of Iran's claim against the United States for the value of spare parts and other equipment ordered before the revolution is continuing," said an American official at the Iran-US claims tribunal.

The tribunal is adjudicating billions of dollars worth of claims arising out of the 1979 Iranian revolution.

Iran has filed a \$12-billion claim against the United States for the military equipment and spare parts, the largest claim before the tribunal. Iran seeks delivery of the equipment or payment of its value.

The military material was ordered by Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's government through the US government's foreign military sales programme.

Transfer of the equipment to Iran, as well as billions of dollars of Iranian funds on deposit in American banks, was frozen by the US government after the seizure of the embassy hostage.

The Algiers accords that resulted in freedom for the hostages in January 1981 also unblocked the Iranian assets.

But despite the Algiers accords, the military equipment, much of which was already paid for, was then impounded by the US government to prevent its use in the Iran-Iraq war.

"We do have a bunch of their (Iran's) stuff, and there's no question that it's their stuff," said a tribunal official.

In August 1980, almost 10 months after the hostage seizure, Iran said at the United Nations that the United States' release of the frozen Iranian funds would "speed the Iranian parliament's debate on the fate of the 52 American hostages."

## Israeli troops punish Palestinians

# Army destroy W. Bank homes

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM**, Aug 3. (UPI): Soldiers using bulldozers, tractors or explosive charges demolished the homes of 10 Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank today as a punishment because they allegedly threw Molotov cocktails at Army and civilian vehicles.

The demolitions came a day after soldiers shot and killed an 18-year-old West Bank resident and wounded four others in sporadic violence on Tuesday following the expulsion of eight Palestinians earlier in the week.

The Army said soldiers demolished three houses and sealed another house in the village of Beit Ummar, 20 km south of Jerusalem, to punish several people accused of throwing Molotov cocktails at Army patrols and Israeli buses.

The Army said an attack carried out by the group on June 14 seriously burned two Israeli soldiers.

Soldiers also destroyed four houses in Jelazoun refugee camp, 20 km north of Jerusalem, one in Jammala and two in Deir Ammar, twin villages about 35 km northeast of Jerusalem, the Army said.

They were acting in a private capacity on behalf of the soldiers' families.

The rebels demand the release of two jailed communist leaders and three women political prisoners in exchange for the soldiers, whom they call "prisoners of war."

They also asked that an independent group, to include a representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross, be formed to monitor human rights violations. They said civilians should not be forced into joining anti-communist militia units.

The rebels have threatened to kill a kidnapped foreigner, believed to be an American, and his Filipino wife if the military attempts to rescue them, a military official said today.

The soldiers used tractors, bulldozers or explosive charges to destroy the houses, an Army spokesman said.

Emergency security laws dating from the British mandate period allow Israeli soldiers to demolish homes as a collective punishment against the families of people accused of terrorist acts.

Demolition of houses is often used to punish those accused of manufacturing, storing or throwing explosive devices.

### Death toll

On Tuesday, soldiers opened fire on Allah Al Din Al Akbar after they spotted him standing on a roof in Nablus preparing to throw a large cinderblock on an Army patrol, an Army spokesman said. Akbar was hit in the abdomen.

An Army official confirmed the death but said the Palestinian was shot as he was about to hurl a brick from a rooftop at a soldier standing below.

The death brought to 236 the number of Palestinians killed since the uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip began last Dec. 9. Four Israelis have also died.

The Army official said he only had reports of two Palestinians

being injured in Nablus either by live gunfire or rubber bullets.

In the West Bank village of Dura, about 40 kilometres south of Jerusalem, troops shot and wounded two Arabs, the Army said.

In the Gaza Strip's Shati refugee camp, troops fired tear gas after demonstrators violated a curfew and stoned an Army patrol, an Arab reporter said.

Officials at Shifa Hospital said two Palestinians suffered bullet wounds and another was beaten by soldiers at Shati. An Army spokesman confirmed that Israeli soldiers shot and wounded two Palestinians.

### Gathering

But a Molotov cocktail thrown at an Israeli car late last night prompted a gathering of West Bank settlers who blocked the main Jerusalem-Hebron road overnight, Israeli Radio said. The Army dispersed the spontaneous demonstration, the radio said.

Clashes broke out this morning in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city as shopkeepers extended for a third day the two-day commercial strike observed throughout the territories on Monday and Tuesday.



Adeia Abdu, wife of Lu'al Abdu, one of the eight Palestinians deported by Israel, with her five-day-old baby son Abu saw for the first time, hours before he was expelled to Lebanon. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Manila rejects prisoners swap

**MANILA**, Aug 3. (Reuter): The Philippine government rejected today any prisoners swap with communist rebels, saying this would give them virtual status as a separate government.

"There is to be no exchange. The military victims are not prisoners of war. They are only kidnap victims," Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos told reporters referring to five soldiers held hostage by the guerrillas for 64 days.

The rejection came on the eve of resumption of talks between the rebels and a civilian group for the release of the hostages held in a mountain retreat 70 km southeast of Manila.

The civilian negotiators include Public Works Secretary Jininto Ferrer, a congressman, a provincial governor and an ex-minister. The government said today:

## Pre-marital pregnancy rate rising in China

**BEIJING**, Aug 3. (UPI): An influx of thousands of single female workers into a special economic zone in southern China is sending pre-marital pregnancy rates skyrocketing and wreaking havoc with marriages, official news reports said today.

Nearly 10 per cent of 10,000 unmarried women factory workers in a single district of the Shenzhen special economic zone became pregnant in 1987, the official English-language China Daily said.

The zone, set up as a free-market experiment, employs about 250,000 temporary female workers, most of them single. The women are forbidden from marrying in the economic zone because they do not have Shenzhen residency status.

Local officials told the China Youth newspaper the single women working in Shenzhen are suffering "extreme anxiety" because of the vast imbalance between men and women in the factories. At one plastic bag manufacturing plant all but five of 205 temporary workers are women.

"Providing female workers with sexual satisfaction is even more difficult than reducing conflicts between management and labour," the newspaper said.

**Clubs**  
Efforts have been made to set up social clubs and dance halls to occupy their free time but "it was later found that what the female workers really wanted was sexual satisfaction" the China Youth said.

The China Daily report said the free-wheeling economic zone has been visited by a wide variety of vices and problems related to sex since its founding.

"Premarital pregnancies is not the only problem in these processing factories. The number of homosexuals and prostitutes was continuing to rise and so was the number of divorces," China Daily said. Affairs between married men and temporary workers caused a majority of the 45 divorces reported last year to the women's federation in Shenzhen's Nantou district, it said.

## Demonstrators confront Thatcher in Melbourne

**MELBOURNE**, Aug 3. (Reuter): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, on tour in Australia as the Irish Republican Army (IRA) renewed its bombing campaign in Britain, braved a stormy nationalist Irish demonstration after arriving in Melbourne today.

At the midpoint of her five-day stay, a police cordon had to link arms to force its way through a central shopping mall as the British leader went on the second of four scheduled walkabouts.

About 50 demonstrators chanting "fascist" and "Thatcher out" surrounded her entourage as Thatcher walked through a pedestrian arcade and visited a British-owned beauty store.

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### Population

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In Canberra earlier, Thatcher made two speeches, held nearly two hours of talks with Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke and fielded questions from journalists at the National Press Club.

British officials said the talks between Australia's Labour leader and the conservative Thatcher were cordial and the two had avoided the contentious issue of South Africa.

Thatcher told reporters she favoured greater dialogue with South Africa as the best way to speed up racial change rather than the imposition of sanctions, the option favoured by Hawke.

"We have isolated South Africa, which is very strange ... perhaps if we'd talked the improvement would have been faster," the prime minister said.

## Martial law imposed on Rangoon after rallies

**BANGKOK**, Aug 3. (Reuter): Burma's state radio said martial law was put in effect in the capital, Rangoon, today.

A special announcement monitored in Bangkok did not explain the reason for the emergency measure and said a fuller announcement would be broadcast later.

Witnesses said scores of students held anti-government rallies in the heart of Rangoon briefly during the afternoon but dispersed without violence. They said no troops or police were in evidence during the rallies.

It was the first time martial law had been declared in the capital since bloody anti-government riots in 1974.

### Strike

Clashes between demonstrators and police in many parts of Burma over the past five months, which dissidents said left more than 200 people dead, led to the replacement of 77-year-old strongman Ne Win by Sein Lwin.

Authorities admitted 41 people suffocated to death after being squeezed into a single prison van after a demonstration in March. The Prime Minister, Interior Minister and Rangoon



police chief were all dismissed. Rangoon residents who witnessed today's demonstrations said merchants closed and shuttered their shops during student rallies but resumed business after students dispersed.

Sein Lwin, who had directed suppression of opposition to Ne Win's 26 years in power, is now

ignoring agreements against arming guerrillas that are fighting the Moscow-backed Kabul government of President Najib. Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfiliev told a government news briefing that the Afghan armed opposition has been strengthening its combat potential because of an unceasing supply of weapons and munitions from Pakistan.

The official Tass news agency accused Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq of "hostile" actions against the Soviet Union, and charged his country with direct involvement in "terrorist activity" in Afghanistan.

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## Yaqub Khan begins visit to Moscow

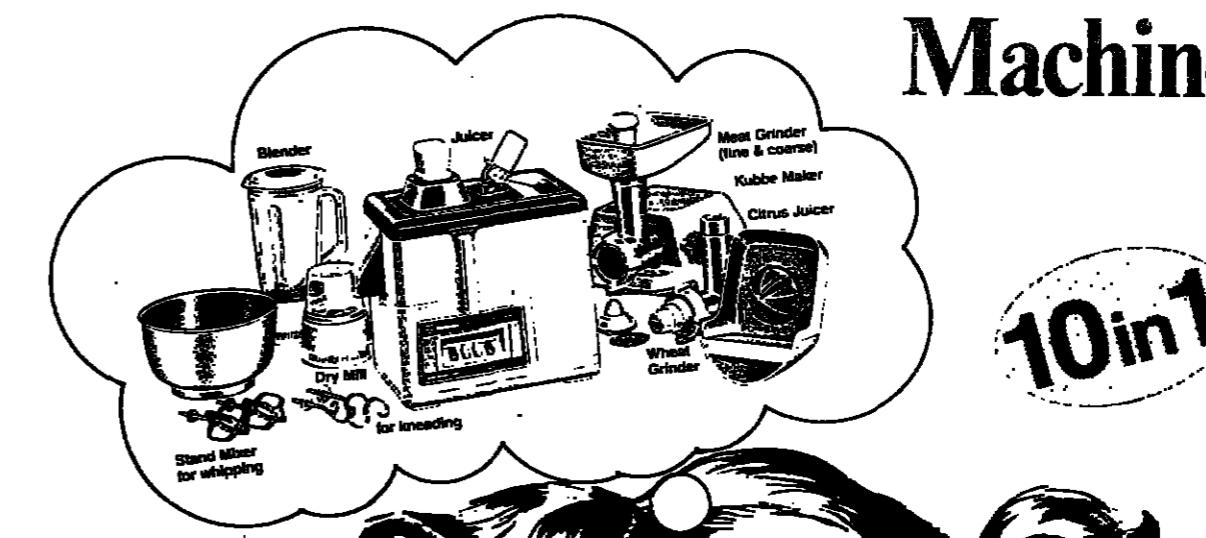
**MOSCOW**, Aug 3. (AP): Pakistani Foreign Minister Sabahuddin Yaqub Khan arrived in Moscow on a working visit last night as Soviet media stepped up their attacks on his country for allegedly violating UN-brokered accords on Afghanistan.

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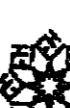


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## EVENTS

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

## Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timmings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

## Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

## SOCIAL

## German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

## Malayalam debates

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: The social foundation of popular cinema (Aug 5); a discussion on the important creations of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); The different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19). The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun 4814477.

## Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

## Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 431451; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Parayil — 2422973.

## D'Assissi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

## Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

## Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

## HOTELS

## At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

## At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner. For details contact 5642599.

## At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 pm; a la carte also offered. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Vietnamese Cafe. Light refreshments are available at the Hang Babylon Gardens.

On Wednesday, join the Shazad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper Club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

The recreation club has new fitness courses in aerobics, swimming, yoga and weight-lifting, all manned by professional instructors.

## At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab and international specialities; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

Buffet meals are also offered at the Falakha restaurant. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open everyday 12.30-3 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

## PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang 4843622.

The take-away counter, opened daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

## Kuwait Nomads

Kuwait Nomads pre-season training starts Sunday August 7 at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. For details contact 5642599.

## At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialities on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

Arab world specialities are available every Thursday evening at Le Turbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

## SPORTS

## 10th Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open 10th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Al Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

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## Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

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## AUGUST 4

### KUWAIT ... GULF

**Doctors have to work 50 hours per week**

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health Dr Nael Al Nageeb recently approved new working hours of doctors in various health centres.

The new schedule, effective next month, stipulates a total of 50 hours per week for all doctors including, general practitioners, paediatricians, doctors at child and mother care centres, Dentists, pharmacists, lab technicians and those working in diabetic clinics are also included.

The new 50 hours per week includes the actual working hours in addition to night shifts training hours and is intended to improve medical services.

General practitioners will work for seven hours daily for six days including Thursday in addition to eight hours of night shifts. Doctors in diabetic clinics will work for six hours daily for six days with 10 hours of night shifts and four hours training per week. The only exception from the 50 hour week applies to nurses who will work 42 hours per week.

#### Lenient judgement

THE Criminal Court refrained from passing sentence on a maid who travelled to Kuwait on a forged passport.

The court was told that the maid had previously worked in Kuwait for several years. However, her employer cancelled her residence and sent her back.

The maid altered her cancelled residence and succeeded in returning to Kuwait.

#### Kuwait participating in youths camp

KUWAIT will participate in the Arab Youths Camp to be held in Egypt from Aug 14 to 31.

The Kuwaiti delegation consists of five students and a supervisor.

The camp will include several sporting, cultural, social and religious activities, and visits to a number of touristic and historical places in Egypt.

The delegation met with the head of school activities department at the Ministry of Education, Khaled Al Harban, who urged the delegation to play an active role in the camp's activities.

## Power failure due to technical fault

THE power failure in some areas of Almadi last Saturday was due to a technical fault in the pressure cable that connects Shuaiba power station with the Fintas area according to the Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah.

The minister denied that any terrorist activity was involved and said the fault was within the security area.

#### Repaired

The technical teams of the ministry repaired the damage and returned electrical power within a short time and new cables have been installed, he

said.

The official pointed out that there will not be any power shortage as new electricity transformers have been installed with emergency services round-the-clock.

He added that maximum electrical load recorded in Kuwait this year was 3,900 megawatt on June 14, while maximum load last year was 3,740 megawatts on July 26. Available power in Kuwait is 5,500 megawatt ensuring against power failures.

The minister said that a plan is underway to train students of the Faculty of Engineering and



Dr Rqobah

Public Authority for Applied Education and Training in the usages and maintenance of electrical utilities.

AMMAN, Aug 3, (AP): A special Iraqi envoy arrived today on a whirlwind tour to brief Arab leaders on Iraq's position in negotiations to end the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan delivered a letter to King Hussein on the prospects of Gulf peace, the official Jordan news agency reported.

The news agency said the letter, from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, dealt with the latest developments in the Iran-Iraq war and the ongoing negotiations at the United Nations to implement a ceasefire.

Iran's Ambassador to the UAE, Mustafa Haeri, was in Bahrain today to deliver a message from Iranian President Ali Khamenei to the Amir, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

## Kuwait helps in building hospital in S. Lebanon

DIRECTOR of the Jabra Health Area and supervisor of the Nabatiyah Kiteibai hospital in South Lebanon Dr Abdul Aziz Khalfal said he was notified that the hospital has started receiving patients.

He added these investments are from funds collected by subscriptions of employees. All profits of these investments are reinvested in new projects he added.

The official denied that the institute intends to reduce or increase the value of subscriptions of employees.

On retired employees working in the private sector, Al Humaidi said special conditions apply to retired employees receiving payment from the establishment and private companies simultaneously.

As there was no major hospital to serve the area and this endangered the lives of many people the hospital was built with a capacity of 75 beds which can be doubled

in cases of emergency. Khalfal said the hospital was constructed in keeping with the wishes of HH the Amir to provide such service to Palestinians and Lebanese.

The director said that some sections of the hospital have begun functioning and later in the month, the operation theatre will be activated.

The hospital consists of the departments of paediatrics, maternity and women diseases, surgery, outpatients clinics and intensive care units he said.

Khalfal said that the entire hospital is constructed inside a mountain in Nabatiyah area with the front covered with concrete.

The concept for establishing the hospital was first mooted after the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon when South Lebanon was cut-off from the rest of Lebanon.

The hospital is run by a Lebanese charity society known as Nadiab Society. A delegation from the society will visit Kuwait in October this year to coincide with a Lebanese painting exhibition proceeds of which will go to the society, he added.

Jordan's capital.

He is apparently seeking Arab support for Iraq's insistence on face-to-face negotiations with Iran before UN ceasefire Resolution 598 can be implemented.

Iran, too, was trying to lobby Arab governments, with Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Ahmed Besharati last week touring the Gulf Arab states of the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman to stress Iran's commitment to implementing a ceasefire.

Iran's Ambassador to the UAE, Mustafa Haeri, was in Bahrain today to deliver a message from Iranian President Ali Khamenei to the Amir, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

## Period in jail added to service

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The ministry took the stand that Ahmad was absent from his work for more than 15 days and was thus terminated from service.

However, the Court of First Instance, then the Court of Appeal and finally the Cassation Court ruled against the ministry's stand.

#### Reappointed

The employee, Ahmad joined

the ministry in July 1954. In May 1957 was jailed for nine years. In August 1966, when he was released, the ministry re-appointed him after consulting the Council of Ministers.

Subsequently, Ahmad asked that the period he spent in jail be added to his service in the minis-

try, but, the request was refused.

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#### Based

The courts in arriving at their

decision, based the judgement on a labour law of 1953 which did not necessarily consider employees as sacked if they were forcibly or against their wish prevented from going to work for over 15 days.

The courts considered that the employee was in fact stopped from going to work.

## ROYAL COURT



### Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah on the occasion of his return to the country yesterday from Baghdad and his report to HH on work of the seven-man Arab League committee in charge of monitoring developments of the Gulf war.

HH also received Somalian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mohamed Ali Horned who conveyed to HH a message from Somalian President Siad Barre.

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla yesterday received at his office Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashid.

HH also received a number of citizens of Public diwan.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla received yesterday at his office Somalian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Mohammed Ali Horned and the accompanying delegation on the occasion of his visit to the country. Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi and Somalian ambassador to Kuwait attended the meeting.

### Kuwait complains against Iran

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 3, (KUNA): Kuwait today urged the international community to put an end to the Iranian aggressions against its fishing boats sailing in its territorial waters.

On Saturday, July 23, a Kuwaiti fishing boat carrying six Egyptian fishermen engaged in their usual activities north east of Awja island, in Kuwaiti territorial waters, was deliberately attacked by an armed Iranian speedboat which approached from the east.

The attack killed three of the fishermen and wounded the other three.

In a letter to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar distributed as a document of the

Security Council, Kuwait Charge d'Affaires Mohammad Saad Al Salali said: "Kuwait demands that there should be no repetition of such unjustified aggression, which only increases the tension in the region."

He said Kuwait also reserves the right to claim appropriate compensation for the human and material losses resulting from this attack.

**Fifth Marine Week opens today**

THE Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah will today open the Fifth Marine Week.

The activities have been organised at the Green Island of the Water Front Project and will continue for nine days.

Delegations from the GCC states will participate for the first time since the beginning of the event in 1980.

Activities include a Kuwaiti traditional wedding party, bazaars, children's festival, marine shows and marine arts, he said.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour will also participate through the summer club members, scouts and members of children's gardens. Additionally, the Fire Department will participate, including the Ministries of Defence and Interior.

The Kuwaiti swimmer Jamal Al Yamani will try and swim 32 kilometres from Kuwait Towers to the venue of the festival.

Kuwaiti television and radio will transmit the opening of the festival which will include a skiing exhibition and modern sailboats.

## Safafir souq has a traditional atmosphere

By Mahmoud Mursi

LIKE every old souq in Kuwait, the Safafir souq has a traditional atmosphere and is popular with people who meet each day to discuss their affairs in a Kuwaiti-oriented style.

This souq is considered one of the handicraft markets in Kuwait, and, though, generally empty, sounds of work originating from shops gives one the feeling of activity.

#### Part

Ghium Ibrahim, an Iranian who spent 45 years working at the Safafir souq says that it was a part of the old Selah souq before the government removed it.

Old Kuwaiti handicraft experts worked at the market a long time ago and he said he started his first job at the souq working along with members of the Al Safar family. However, now, the market has only Indian, Iranian and Pakistani workers.

He specialises in making coffee mortars and varnishing kitchen items and said he pays KD70



A lot of sweat with little profit to show.



A popular restaurant

Adri Mohammed and Jassem Mohammed said that restaurants in Kuwait were extending the working hours up to 1:00 am instead of 12:00 midnight.

#### Considerate

He said there were some circumstances beyond the control of the owners — such as dust blowing into establishments and inspectors should be aware and considerate under these circumstances he added.

## Let restaurants remain open past midnight, plead owners

By Jamal Amin

OWNERS of restaurants in Kuwait have repeatedly called for abolishing the current law which prohibits restaurants from operating after midnight.

A local daily interviewed some owners and customers to highlight this issue.

Adel Ahmed, an owner at Khatian area said that restaurants could be classified as being important facilities necessary for citizens and expatriates.

#### Activity

He said that restaurants witnessed significant activity from 8:00 pm till after midnight and closing at 12:00 midnight did not provide sufficient working hours and consequently business.

Ahmed pointed out that the supper meal is an important meal, particularly for families spending the week-end away from home.

Anwar Al Atrabi a chef at one of the restaurants said that the eating process could not be subjected to a specific schedule and restaurants should not be committed to specific working hours.

This was even more so in Kuwait where there were a num-

## One dies as land caves in

By Salem Al Wawan

AN IRANIAN worker died and another is in coma after the ground they were working on caved in.

The accident occurred as the two men were repairing a broken water pipe in the Sulaihah area last morning.

According to reports, the owners of a house on Tuesday informed the emergency department of the Ministry of Water and Electricity that the water pipe to their house had broken and accordingly water supply was cut off.

The two Iranian workers came to repair the pipe when the land suddenly collapsed burying both the workers. One, seriously injured later died at the Orthopaedic Hospital while the other went into a coma and is being treated.

Bearley said the UN request had been made last week.

He said both Iran and Iraq would first have to agree to Australian participation in the 250-strong force, which would be made up of representatives from up to 18 countries.

#### Comprise

He said the Australian contingent would be commanded by a lieutenant colonel and would comprise military officers of major and captain rank.

Some would be drawn from the Australian contingent in the UN observer force in Lebanon. They would only wear sidearms.

One Australian officer in the Lebanon observer force was killed while on patrol earlier this year when his Land Rover hit a mine on the Israeli border.

In a separate development, the Italian Senate has approved a decree providing financing for Italy's naval task force in the Gulf through the end of 1988.

## Australia to join UN Gulf observer force

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug 3, (AP): Australia has agreed to take part in an observer force to be sent to the Gulf if Iran and Iraq agree on a ceasefire, Defence Minister Kim Beazley said today.

The provision was supported by Prime Minister Giscard d'Estaing's five-party coalition, which holds a comfortable majority in both houses of parliament.

Beazley said the UN request had been made last week.

He said both Iran and Iraq would first have to agree to Australian participation in the 250-strong force, which would be made up of representatives from up to 18 countries.

One Australian officer in the Lebanon observer force was killed while on patrol earlier this year when his Land Rover hit a mine on the Israeli border.

In a separate development, the Italian Senate has approved a decree providing financing for Italy's naval task force in the Gulf through the end of 1988.

## Narcotic preparations

THE Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razak Al Abdulla Razak has issued a resolution permitting physicians in Kuwait to keep some quantities of narcotic preparations for emergencies.

The resolution requires physicians to submit an application to the narcotics licence division and follow procedures of the ministerial regulation No. 383/88 with respect to recording, storing and payment for these narcotics.

The minister also issued another resolution which determines procedures for obtaining a licence to import, export or transport narcotic preparations used for medical purposes.

## Students interviewed

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## Thought for today

PEACE comes from within. Do not seek it without. — Buddha (about 563 BC — 483 BC).

## King Hussein's West Bank move Pressure mounts on Palestinians

By Carol Giacomo

**WASHINGTON.** (Reuter): King Hussein's decision to abandon old claims to the West Bank seems designed to force the Palestine Liberation Organisation to take responsibility for Middle East peace-making, US analysts said on Monday.

"It has to shift the burden on (to) the PLO," said Clyde Marks, a Middle East expert with the US Library of Congress. "They become the main negotiators, the guardians of the Palestinian cause."

While most experts interviewed by Reuters believe the peace plan authored by Secretary of State George Shultz is effectively dead, they said Hussein's action could be an important step in resolving for the future a thorny obstacle to Middle East peace — who will represent Palestinians?

Said former US State Department official James Placke: "I think Hussein is just fed up and decided to let them (Palestinians) stew in their own juice, being confident the PLO will not be an effective leader."

**Plan**

Shultz, in the plan he initiated last February, cast Jordan as the prime negotiator for the Palestinians at peace talks with Israel under an international conference.

The plan failed to garner serious support, however, in large part because Palestinians, backed by Arab states, insisted their only legitimate representative was the PLO, with which Israel and the United States refuse to deal because they consider it a terrorist organisation.

Hussein, under increasing attack for Jordan's role in the West Bank since Palestinians there began an uprising against Israeli occupiers last December, has appeared frustrated and concerned at his loss of political clout.

"From time to time he gets to the point where he feels he can't do anything more. The frustration builds up (but his response has) never been as dramatic as this," one US official told Reuters.

Hussein announced on Sunday he was ending 38 years of administrative and legal ties with the West Bank in deference to PLO demands for an independent Palestinian state.

## Burkina Faso still in the shadow of Sankara

By Brian Killen

**OUAGADOUGOU.** (Reuter): Burkina Faso celebrates the fifth anniversary of its revolution this week still in the shadow of the late President Thomas Sankara, the flamboyant Army captain slain in a coup last October.

Western diplomats said political uncertainty in Burkina Faso, which changed its name from Upper Volta in 1983 and is one of the world's poorest nations, could put a damper on today's August 4 festivities.

The date is still associated with Sankara, who seized power five years ago and captured the imagination of the people with his unorthodox rule.

"There will be just as much slogan-chanting and clenched fist gesturing at this year's celebrations but the public might not be so enthusiastic as in the past," one diplomat said.

The new leader, Captain Blaise Compaore, differs from his predecessor in style and personality. He is much quieter and more pragmatic. Sankara was a fine speaker and very popular with young people who saw him as a symbol of the revolution.

**Attacked**

Compaore, a 36-year-old paratrooper, has openly attacked Sankara for his autocratic style.

The most complete denunciation was contained in a booklet distributed to foreign journalists recently explaining how and why the leader of the 1983 revolution was overthrown.

Entitled "Memorandum on the events of October 15, 1987," the detailed and complicated 48-page document gave the official version of the plots and counter-plots which it said led to the coup and Sankara's death.

"Isolated by the people, who

## Expatriates are exploited

**SIR:** The chief minister of Kerala state, India, has advertised in the local press (AT July 31) soliciting contributions from Gulf expatriates to raise a fund to compensate the bereaved families of those who perished in the tragic Perumon train accident on July 8.

Presumably, similar advertisements might have appeared in other countries where there are expatriate communities.

The cause is indeed laudable and deserves co-operation on humanitarian grounds.

However, how many grievances (including the much debated unjustified air fare and insignificant duty-free allowance which over the years continue to be a fuming volcano) of the oppressed Gulf expatriates have been redressed by the present or the past governments (both state and central) except when someone raises an issue at random (obviously under motivated pressure) in the Parliament or state assembly and leaves it just as it is until pressure mounts again?

Expatriates have always been and are their milking cow, panacea for financial problems and paradoxically the most neglected, the most exploited. Everybody needs his petro-dollars, let what may happen to him and his problems either in hell or in heaven.

It would perhaps have been more appropriate if such official appeals (if at all necessary) were released through the Indian embassy, the representative body of our country.

Notwithstanding those cooperating, better issue relief stamps and let each family in Kerala donate rupees one or more and the contribution of the Gulf expatriates will automatically become included in the same (of course, with due regard to proper accounting as otherwise it would spell yet another catastrophe).

C.K. Satyajar, Safat.

The traffic department must have clarified the traffic procedure to the public. Nevertheless seeing a car which came at a screeching halt recently behind a car which had stopped at the sign, I felt I must bring this problem to the attention of the traffic department.

Sayed Mahboob Shah, Safat.

## Stop signs ignored

**SIR:** On my arrival in Kuwait after a long stay abroad, I found "Stop" signs painted on the roads at appropriate places. It is a very important safety measure for drivers. Wherever this system is put into practice it dramatically reduces the number of accidents. It has prevented many head-on collisions.

Readers may know that in the USA and in most other countries, drivers have to come to a complete stop at these signs. They have to stop irrespective of whether they see a car coming or not. Stopping is mandatory.

In Kuwait, according to my observation, the drivers generally don't stop. They merely slow down or when they see the road clear, drive on with speed.

Those who stop at these "Stop" signs are in danger of being hit by the car coming from behind. I urge the traffic department to make it clear whether car drivers have to come to a complete stop or they are required to stop only if they see a car coming from the other side and the driver senses danger.

Although it is often claimed that "statistics" can be used to prove just about anything, in this case I think you might be stretching a point.

Richard H. Cuthbert, Safat.

## Tuition fees exorbitant

**SIR:** This refers to John C. Davies' letter "Judge by the achievements" (AT, July 7-8).

It seems Davies is quite a lucky man. Probably, he works in one of the companies that pays tuition fees for three children up to 16 years old.

The fees for them can come to about KD4,800 per year. It is no secret that parents who do not pay tuition fees from their own incomes would not even bother if the schools charged KD100,000. It bothers them when they have to pay from their own pockets for other school activities.

On an average students have to pay KD850 to KD1,300 per year. In return, the schools provide them with an average of one or one and half teacher per class of 35 students for a 14-day school term.

The schools spend about KD750 per class per month. They easily make a staggering KD25,000 per year class or KD1.5 million per year. It is no secret that the Ministry of Education allows the schools to increase their profit by five per cent, apart from summer classes.

At this rate, it will soon be profitable to send our children schooling on the moon.

Zin Mar Way, Safat.

## Using Sinhalese

**SIR:** It's very funny to receive a post card from the Kuwait Airways office in Colombo in Sinhalese language only. Even Sri Lanka's national air career Air Lanka never sends any letters in Sinhalese. Then why should the Kuwait Airways follow this abnormal procedure?

What happened to English or Arabic?

The staff of the Kuwait Airways in Colombo are not decent or polite enough. They are very rude to visitors and they mostly speak in Sinhalese, not English. If they find a visitor who can't speak in Sinhalese he or she will get step-motherly treatment from the Kuwait Airways staff in Colombo.

I hope the Kuwait Airways authorities will take the necessary steps to follow the international standard of airlines.

B. Benjamin Safat.



never appeared in the newspapers. When enquired, the in-charge of one of the participating shops said that it would appear in the newspapers. But so far nothing.

Similar is the case with the beverage industry.

Canada Dry has announced the list of winners. Another farce is the RC's label inside the crown. Nobody has seen nor heard it matching.

Such farce beguiles customers into buying things, services, even if there is no such need, tempted by the prizes. Authorities should look into such practices.

But there are exceptions like the draws often conducted by The Sultan Centre. The draws are conducted on the announced dates and in the presence of the clients.

A victim, (Name and address supplied)

## Winners' list never published

**SIR:** Some establishments in Kuwait announce in newspapers wide range of prizes like car, air tickets, etc., against coupons given for purchases of their products/services.

But even after weeks of the lottery draw date, the list of the winners is never announced in the newspapers.

Thousands of people bought household/electronic goods from Muthanna Complex and exchanged invoices against coupons. But the winners' list

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## Israeli cash sweep is newest front for Palestinian uprising

By Peter Smerdon

**BEIT SAHOUR, West Bank.** (Reuter): Israel has turned a new bureaucratic weapon against the Palestinian uprising in its occupied territories.

Israeli authorities are sweeping towns for cash from taxes, car licences and identity cards in an effort they say will show Palestinians the more they take up civil disobedience, the more Israel will reward.

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ty cards or property. Roadblocks have also been set up at which drivers are ordered to produce evidence of payment of taxes.

"You cannot imagine how angry the people are," mayor Elias Freij of the West Bank town of Bethlehem told Reuters. "I called for an end to this punishment but it just gets worse and worse."

**Boycott**

Palestinians, eight months into an anti-Israeli uprising, have boycotted tax payments and — among residents like the 9,000 townspeople of Beit Sahour — have set up "popular committees" as a bureaucratic alternative to Israeli control.

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"We salute rebellious Beit Sahour," said the latest set of rules for revolt issued by the united leadership of the uprising. "Follow Beit Sahour example in confronting the taxmen."

The authorities view Beit Sahour and communities like it as a threat to Israeli control over the West Bank and Gaza Strip, captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war.

A tax strike has cost authorities in the territories 40 per cent of their income the last fiscal year. Even so, West Bank analyst Meron Benvenisti said Israel would receive \$40-50 million a year more than it spent.

Benvenisti, director of the West Bank Data Project, an independent study group, added: "Israel's policy is now to harass the Palestinians in any way possible."

Troops raided Beit Sahour for taxes on July 7, and one in every 30 townspeople gave up Israeli identity cards in protest. Eight local leaders were arrested the following day, and the jailed without trial.

Israeli measures taken in recent weeks include:

● Army roadblocks and raids to force Arabs to pay up or lose their identity cards or even cars.

● A so-called road safety campaign forcing owners of the 25,000 cars in the Gaza Strip to change vehicle licences and pay a new car tax of about \$150-200.

● A changeover of Gaza Strip identity cards to raise \$5 million dollars and, according to Israeli Army chief of staff Dan Shomron, increase dependence on Israeli authorities.

● An end to free treatment for casualties from the uprising at West Bank government hospitals. There has also been a rise in the cost of other hospitalisations to the equivalent of a month's wages for most Palestinians — this to more evenly spread the cost of health care, an Israeli spokesman said.

Rumours, which the sources said were inspired by Damascus, later circulated that Syrian troops might move into the Shouf Mountains, heartland of the Druze Progressive Social Party (PSP).

The Shouf, a rugged maze of high ridges, form a natural barrier between Syrian forces in Muslim west Beirut and the Bekaa Valley in east Lebanon.

The sources said the rumours were a Syrian signal to PSP leader Walid Jumblatt, who has relative independence from

Assad's camp. The sources said Assad's conciliatory stand towards Gemayel was prompted by his awareness of the key role played by any Lebanese head of state and the Christian community in general.

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Under an unwritten national covenant adopted in 1943, the President is always a Maronite Christian, the prime minister a Sunni Muslim and the speaker of parliament a Shi'ite Muslim.

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## Zhao Ziyang may head China's military

By Guy Dimmore

**BEIJING.** China. (Reuter): Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang has moved a step closer to holding supreme power in China after enjoying the limelight in National Army Day celebrations, diplomats said on Monday.

Pictures of Zhao in a business suit presenting medals to war veterans and his speech in the Great Hall of the People dominated the front pages of major newspapers on Sunday and Monday and weekend television news.

"Zhao was the central figure. He has been placed firmly in the public eye as the future head of the military," a Western diplomat commented.

Zhao, 69, was made party leader last year and is widely seen as heir apparent to 83-year-old Deng Xiaoping. Deng kept his hold on the military by remaining head of the Central Military Commission in a major party leadership reshuffle last November.

Although he had no active military experience behind him, Zhao was made the commission's first vice-chairman.

Diplomats said the next few months would be a crucial test of Zhao's leadership as the country faces record inflation, government and party corruption, severe drought in the south and warnings by police chiefs of public unrest and subversion.

"Now in the wake of a continual deepening of the reforms, some very difficult and unavoidable problems are facing us. China's reforms have reached a crucial stage," Zhao said at Saturday's award-giving ceremony.

Informed Chinese sources said the country's leaders had ended their annual informal talks at the seaside resort of Beidaihe but it was possible some would return for more meetings.

**Domination**

Last year's 60th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the People's Liberation Army were dominated by General Yang Shangkun with Deng visibly present in the background.

This year, however, Deng did not interrupt his annual seaside break to attend the Beijing formalities and it was Yang's turn to play second fiddle to Zhao, diplomats said.

## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the  
Arab Times

Top stars at the crossroads

## Rekha, Jeetendra revive flagging careers

THERE comes a stage in a star's life which may be called a plateau. The artist is not professionally dead and yet there is no sign of activity or future progress. There are films gathering dust, either incomplete or unsold. New offers that come with hesitation are of a lower standard.

At such a time a star is at the cross-roads. And yet, if he or she steers the wagon on the high road of success again, then hats off to them, indeed. Such a stage was recently reached by Rekha and Jeetendra. And right now both are trying their best to recharge the batteries and emerge successful again.

Sometime back, Rekha faced about half a dozen flops. Producers shied away from her. The affair with Amitabh which she had taken seriously had also not borne fruit. For Amit, a second marriage was out of the question. Rekha had crossed her prime of youth and also the peak of her career, with super-hits as well as excellent roles in films like *Umrao Jaan*.

People in the industry also saw a big line of Rekha's films lying stranded due to one fault or the other, including her own.



Jeetendra and Rekha in a dramatic moment in *Souten Ki Beti*. *Jazat* received a limited release, only after tax exemption. But what about *Aag Ka Dariya*

Shatrughan Sinha, *Ek Naya Rishta* with Raj Kiran and Marc Zuber and *Shatruotsav* with Vinod Khanna.

Two old films with Rakesh Roshan, *Baburani* and *Sabak* have been indefinitely stuck in production. Even Manoj Kumar's *Clerk* is taking ages to complete. Director Mohan Sehgal who gave the first big break to Rekha has finished *Kasam Subag Ki* with her, but peculiar problems have hampered its release. Mahesh Bhatt's *Rakshak* with Vinod plus Hema Malini is not progressing.

**Fading**  
Rekha felt that she was fading and that too before time, while she still had lot of acting potential left. Thus she sent alarm signals to her former friends and lovers, and an inviting call to others.

The first to respond was Rakesh Roshan, fresh from the success of *Khudgarz*. He had just seen the American TV serial *Return to Eden* and found its first eight episodes excellent material for the Indian screen. On seeing Rekha's finger on the panic-button, he decided to cast her in the heroine-oriented tale

of revenge.  
It is the story of a simple woman who puts total trust in her second husband and a girl who is their common friend. She is an heiress to a huge fortune, so the husband's crooked mind plans a murder. He pushes her in a river to face a crocodile and the girlfriend is an eye witness. Luckily she survives, though with a disfigured face. An old man rescues her, cures her and even gives her some jewellery.

She undergoes plastic surgery, when the doctor becomes her friend. After a very painful process, she regains normalcy. Then she goes for beauty treatment and also takes to fashion modelling, with a top photographer, to hit the covers of glossy magazines. It is all to lure her playboy — husband who cannot recognise her. She only wants to bring home the only to the wrong-doer. But it drives him to his doom in an air-crash. She comes back to her two children and the doctor marries her.

For the Hindi version, there are of course some compulsory changes. Kabir Bedi plays the negative role of the hubby, so there is no regular hero, though Shatrughan Sinha and Rakesh Roshan (back with the handsome wig) play key roles. The vendetta tale is strong, with Rekha's transformations as the highlight.

## Reports

As the film was being shot, rave reports were let loose about Rekha's superb acting and her capacity to look glamorous. Nothing succeeds like a good word. And now the actress has a dozen films in her bag and is busy all over again. Apart from *Biwi Ho To Aisi* on the verge of release, there are *Madam X*, *Ananya*, *Azaad Desh Ke Ghulam* and *Lada*.

The Sippy father-son have signed her for *Bharatachar* opposite Mithun. And she is doing three films with Jeetendra: *Sheeshmag* on the lines of *Nagini* has Rishi Kapoor too. *Souten Ki Beti* has Jeetendra sandwiched between Rekha



Rekha and Jeetendra hope to score with *Sheeshmag*.

and Jaya Prada and *Asoolon Ki Jung* is an action drama.

Rekha's bid for the last round may bring her yet another few accolades.

Exactly the same condition is faced by Jeetendra who had remained steady over the years but was recently on the decline. There were too many people to share the success of *Khudgarz* and his own brother's *Tamasha* was a huge failure. In his case, too, producers thought that he was no longer young or capable of acting feats. The biggest blow to his career was that his films with Sridevi flopped, leading to a split. *Bhanupriya* also proved unlucky and inferior as a heroine.

His films too have been held up, like *Daav Pech* and *Mar Mitte* with Bhanu, and *Mithun, Nafrat Ki Aandhi* with Anita Raj, Madhvi and Dharmendra and *Sone Pe Suhaga* again with Dharm, Anil Kapoor and Sridevi. Still incomplete are *Aag Se Khele*, *Aasman Se Oonchi*, *Kasam Vardi Ki*, *Mamta Ka* years back.

Mandir, Sahara, Zehreely etc.

Jeetendra then tried to turn the tables and also turn the corner. He gathered round his friends and made a plea. He also snapped up two important roles where he could show his acting prowess. *New Delhi*, a songless political film with the South's Sumalata and Urvashi, based on the Malayalam hit, is a big gamble for him, which may pay off like *Meri Awaz Suni* some

years back.

## Accused

It has Jeetendra in a powerful role as a crusading journalist fighting corruption. His girl friend Maria while taking part in a Republic Day parade becomes a rape victim to two politicians. He fails to expose them and becomes paralysed at the hands of their goondas.

He also falsely accused of the same rape and first sent to a mad-house and then jail, where he meets four more innocent victims. On becoming free, he starts a new paper with the help of Maria and her younger sis-

ter. The four prisoners run away and join them to take a planned revenge on the evil politicians. Jeetendra has high hopes for *New Delhi* (the title could be changed to "Akbari Faista") and says it will make him soar higher as an actor than a star.

He also took up another off-beat, and anti-establishment role in *Kanwarlal* as a Robin Hood type mafia chief, pitted against Raj Babbar as a corrupt politician and Sujata Mehta tossing between them. This role also has a lot of drama and action. The blurs coming out from the sets declared Jeetendra's acting as top class. Soon, producers started signing him again and he has ten films on hand, including big and multi-star types.

They are *Jai Shiv Shankar*, *Rambhoomi*, *Jung Aur Aman*, *Antim Yudh*, *Asoolon Ki Jung* etc. In many films he has Babbar as a co-star. And finally, his films with Rekha, *Sheeshmag* and *Souten Ki Beti* may also do wonders for him.

## Ramayana series demonstrates power of TV to mesmerise masses

## Fade-out for long-running soap opera

By Adam Kelliher

**BOMBAY, India (UPI):** The ancient Hindu god Rama is being crowned this weekend to climax an 18-month-long religious soap opera that has revealed television's immense potential to captivate the disparate masses of India.

If past viewings are any indication, the 45-minute Sunday morning finale of "Ramayana" — its 78th episode — should leave streets empty and shops closed as millions of Indians tune in from the mountains of northern Kashmir to the jungles of southern Kerala.

"We are seeing our god," said Bipin Nayak, 8, one of an estimated 200 million regular viewers. "Everyone in school talks about 'Ramayana.' No one misses it."

The weekly programme blazed new trails by televising an ancient Hindu epic, the story of lord Rama and his odyssey to rescue abducted maiden Sita from the wicked demon king of Lanka and be restored as the right king of Ayodhya.

"Ramayana" has shown television's potential to transcend the divisions among the 800 million people living in one of the world's most diverse nations.

"Christians have enjoyed it and Muslims have enjoyed it," said A.S. Grewal, deputy director general of the state-run Doordarshan's network, notoriously dull until this series. "It cuts across religious barriers."

Crowds of city dwellers who cannot afford TV sets cluster at electronics stores to glimpse the programme. In isolated settlements the devout perform purification rituals before gathering around a village's single set, which is garlanded with flowers and powered by a portable generator.

Riots have been sparked by transmission breakdowns. Police in northern Punjab last week charged with batons to disperse some 1,200 stone-throwing Hindus demanding the series be extended.

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interview. "Human beings cannot do this." He attributed its phenomenal success to "the grace of some power above."

But Sagar has drawn criticism over his interpretation of



Arun Govil as Lord Rama; he gave up drinking and smoking to avoid disappointing those who believed in his divinity!

grace of some power above."

The play backfired. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's party was routed by the opposition.

"Voters ... were politically astute enough not to succumb to the charms of the saffron-clad, fat-faced hero of television's super-soap," said the Illustrated Weekly of India.

Some analysts believe the series has been a force of division rather than unity. Ramayana has incited Hindu fundamentalists calling for India to abandon its position as a secular state and declare itself a Hindu nation.

However, media experts contend most viewers have taken the programme purely as entertainment value. Sagar is selling videos of his series, mostly to expatriate Indians living in north America. And there is another Hindu epic to come.

In October, Doordarshan launches a 52-episode series of the "Mahabharata," another ancient legend rich in damsels, drama and bloodshed in the eternal conflict between vice and virtue.

## MEDICATION CAN REDUCE WOMEN'S UNWANTED HAIR GROWTH

QUESTION: You recently answered a question about unwanted hair growth on women but you didn't say much about how to treat it. Please expand.

ANSWER: While hirsutism (excessive hair growth on a woman's body) often is considered to be a purely cosmetic problem, actually it is a medical one. Hirsutism most frequently results from high levels of androgen (any substances, such as testicular hormones, that causes masculinizing effects). Other conditions that can be caused by excess androgen include acne, menstrual irregularities and/or infertility.

Additionally, there are medications that are known to cause unwanted hair growth, plus such things as certain types of cysts, thyroid abnormalities and other conditions.

There are, of course, medicines that have proved to be very helpful for reducing unwanted hair growth but as these medications also can have unwanted side effects, your physician will maintain a close watch as you are treated. Among medications currently used are drugs estrogens — usually in the form of a combination oral contraceptive product.

Because there are women who may not

take estrogens, other treatments use a class of medicines called glucocorticoids which decrease androgen secretion in the body.

ANSWER: Rape and other forms of sexual abuse, including that of children, are not uncommon. But because every circumstance and individual is different, the long-term effects of sexual abuse vary greatly. In some studies, half of women who were sexually abused as children reported long-lasting effects to their later sexual relationships and self-image, which of course means that half do not. Some women who were abused as children tend to both idealize and fear men while viewing themselves with contempt. They may have problems in sexual functioning ranging from frigidity to promiscuity.

Women — and men — who have been raped also may have psychological after-effects which again vary from person to person and with the circumstances. Some of these effects stem from the way society views rape, as a sexual act rather than the assault that it is. Some women blame themselves and feel shame, or become phobic, while other relieve their feelings through self-help groups or other activities.

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The above cartoon appeared in the Times of India, when in June, the ruling Congress (I) party used Arun Govil to campaign on their behalf for the Allahabad bye-election.

# Laughter: the best medicine

By Ian Brown

A SURGEON was taking a well-earned break in a country hotel, when his holiday was ruined by a fellow guest who bombarded him with questions about his medical problems and how they should be treated.

That night, the surgeon phoned a friend who was a solicitor. "Can I get my own back by charging this pest a fee for consultation?" he asked.

Certainly," said the surgeon's friend. "After all, the man approached you for a professional opinion."

The surgeon was delighted — until the following week when he received a bill from his solicitor friend "for professional services."

That's just one of the hundreds of hilarious medical stories in a new book by Graeme Garden, who is both a doctor and a well-known British comedian. Royalties from the book are going to research into the treatment of crippled children.

Another of his tales is that of a doctor who called out a plumber at three o'clock in the morning to deal with a blocked lavatory. The bleary-eyed plumber turned up, dropped two aspirins into the bowl and said: "If it's no better tomorrow, give me a call" then went home.

Then there's the one about the relatives who gathered around a bedside to pay their final respects. "Your colour's better," one of them told the patient. "The doctor says your heart's much stronger," said another and a third added: "You seem to be breathing much more easily."

Replied the patient: "Well, it's reassuring to know that I'm going to die cured."

On the other hand, there was the doctor who presented his bill to the executor of the will of one of his patients and asked whether he wished to have it sworn to.

"No need," the doctor was informed. "My late client's death is sufficient evidence that you attended him professionally."

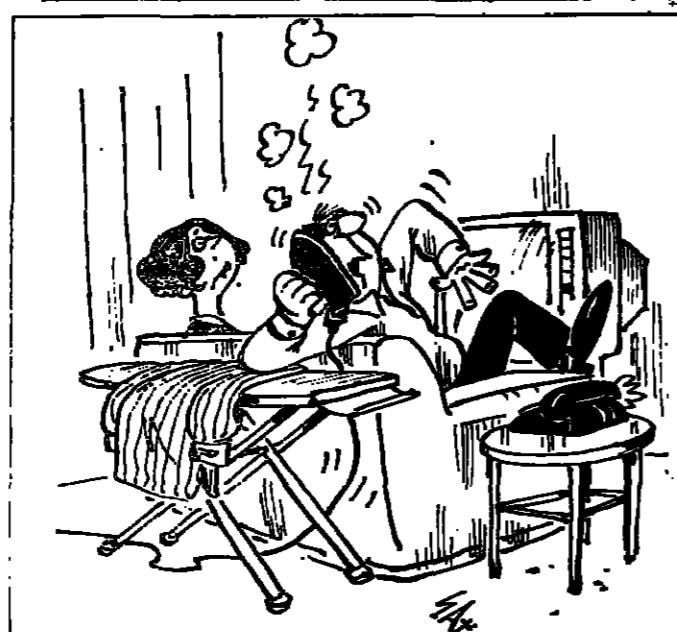
A patient suffering from insomnia was told by her doctor to be sure that she never went to bed on an empty stomach.

"But you once told me never to eat before going to bed," replied the puzzled patient.

"That was last year," said the doctor. "Medicine has made enormous advances since then."

Another doctor asked a patient who had come to see him with two badly burned ears. "What has happened to

**The medical profession has more than its fair share of funny stories. Like the psychiatrist who specialised in treating schizophrenics ... because he could get paid twice.**



Another patient told his psychiatrist that he kept thinking he was a dog.

Psychiatrist: "How long have you felt like this?"

Patient: "Ever since I was a puppy."

Psychiatrist: "Just lie down on the couch."

Patient: "I'm not allowed on the furniture."

One psychiatrist asked another: "Why do you specialise in treating schizophrenics?"

Replied his colleague: "To what other patient can you send two bills a month and get away with it!"

"But what happened to the other ear?"

"Just as I hung up the phone rang again."

Graeme Garden also tells of a book that came on the market called *The Hypochondriac's Almanac*. The blurb billed it as "the ideal gift for the person who has everything."

Doctor: "Mrs Hartnoll, I have good news for you."

Patient: "...Excuse me, but it's Miss Hartnoll."

Doctor: "...In that case I have bad news for you."

Many of the jokes in the book are naturally at the expense of psychiatrists. One definition of psychiatry is given as "the care of the id by the odd."

A woman who had been undergoing psychiatric treatment for some time asked her psychiatrist if it would be alright for her to go to Venice for a short holiday and was given her blessing.

He received a postcard from her. It read: Having a wonderful time. Why?

A psychiatrist asked a new patient: "Tell me something about yourself from the beginning."

The patient replied: "In the beginning, I created Heaven and Earth..."

Garden has collected many of the best stories from colleagues and friends centre around operations.

One patient told a surgeon: "I'm terrified. This is the first operation I've ever had."

The surgeon replied: "I know just how you feel. This is the first operation I've ever done."

Another patient asked the surgeon: "Are you sure this operation can be performed successfully?"

"That's what we're about to find out," was the answer.

A doctor told a patient that his operation would cost £600, and the patient asked if it would not be possible to have done for nearer £300.

Said the doctor: "It might be, but the surgeon will have to use blunt instruments."

"What kind of job do you do?" asked an elderly lady asked a man travelling with her on train.

"I'm a naval surgeon," he replied.

"Goodness," said the lady. "How you doctors specialise these days."

Surgeon to colleague: "We operated just in time. A couple more days and he would have been removed without us."

And what did the woman say when she climbed out of the plastic surgeon's chair? Thanks for the lift!

A suspicious patient said to his surgeon: "That other doctor doesn't seem to share your diagnosis." The surgeon replied: "I know, but your post mortem will prove that I am right."

One neighbour said to another: "It looks as if my husband will be in hospital for some time."

"Why have you seen the doctors?"

No, I've seen the nurses."

Said a surgeon: "From my observation, Miss Thomas, you have acute appendicitis."

Patient: "I'll thank you to keep remarks like that to yourself. I came here to be cured — not admired."

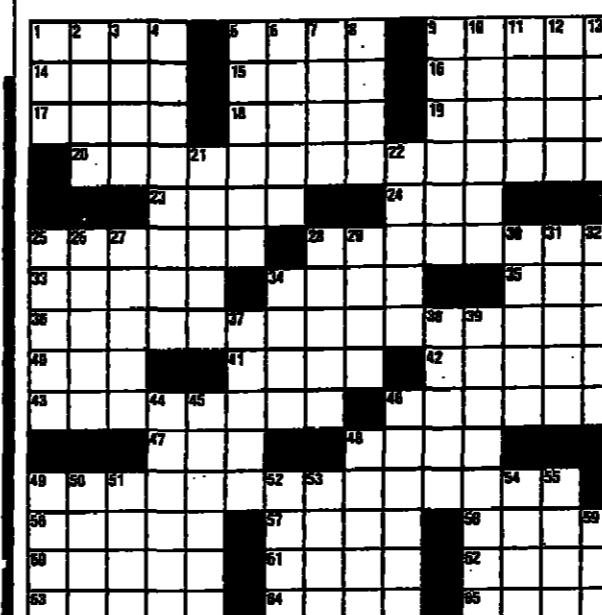
Even the late actor, W.C. Fields, apparently a devout non-believer who was discovered towards the end of his life reading the Bible, gets a mention. When a friend asked why, he explained: "I'm looking for loop-holes."

And there's more... a managing director received this letter from the company secretary: "Your colleagues on the Board have asked me to send you good wishes for your speedy recovery. This motion was passed by twelve votes to eleven?"

Then there was the man who went to see a psychiatrist about his sister. She keeps breaking thermometers," he told him, "drinks the mercury and throws the glass away."

\* The Best Medicine. By Graeme Garden, published by Coronet Books. £1.95.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1 Playwright Connally  
5 Treads the boards  
9 Written matter  
14 Toast topping  
15 Met's turf  
16 Ladies' man  
17 Horace or Thomas  
18 "Amo, amas, I love a —"  
19 Westminster, for one  
20 Vicinity  
21 Ready to eat  
24 Soak flax  
25 Cancel  
28 Texas symbol  
34 Points of attraction  
35 Haste  
36 Flees  
40 Simon's summer  
41 Burden  
42 Map addendum  
43 Sweets  
45 Actress Lupino  
48 Part of MIT  
49 Innocent one  
56 Scrap the mission  
57 Hebrides' island  
58 Peruse  
60 Artistic style  
61 Type of fly or hound  
62 Prudent and wise one  
63 Stand one in good —

64 Noble Italian family  
65 — vital (creative force)

66 — Look out!

68 Principle  
69 Snare  
70 Aid in a way  
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90 Check signer  
91 Part of R.U.R.  
92 Pulpit of yore  
93 Winged

94 — in the Attic

95 Spring flirs

96 Sesame Street

97 Passes

98 Please greatly

99 A Minnesota claim to fame

100 Fruit of contentment?

101 Newspaper publisher Adolf

102 — 1858-1935

103 Not these

104 Lent a hand

105 Sits a spell

106 Baptismal basin

107 Entrances to a Buddhist temple

108 Ham's response

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

*Arab Times*

Baghdad slashes its imports

## Iraq could expand oil export capacity

By Jadranka Porter

IRAQ could expand its oil export capacity to more than 4 million barrels per day (BPD) by 1990, according to foreign analysts in Baghdad.

This would increase Iraq's annual oil revenue earning capacity to \$21 billion in 1990, say the conservative reports, while the more optimistic forecasters see the figure rising to \$25 billion at current oil prices.

The 4,000 BPD projection does not take into account exports through an offshore pipeline or Iraqi ports which have been heavily damaged in the

eight-year-long Gulf war.

Iraq is the second largest OPEC oil producer with current export capacity of 2.75 million BPD.

In the second quarter of 1988 the Arab state was pumping 2.5 million BPD of which 300,000 barrels were for domestic consumption. If maintained at an average of 2.5 million BPD its oil exports will generate more than \$13 billion revenue this year.

Exports of phosphates, natural gas, fertilizers, cement and dates could add another \$300,000 BPD and a small line from Ain Zal to Batman with a capacity of 70,000 BPD.

Baghdad has cut its oil produc-

tion by 300,000 barrels in a bid to support oil prices. But it remained firmly outside the OPEC quota system. Iraq could do so only with the consent of the Arab countries, especially the Gulf states which have continually supported it in the Gulf war, the analysts say.

### Projections

The projections of 4 million BPD in 1990 made before Iran's announcement that it would accept a UN resolution calling for a ceasefire, are based on Iraq's overland export capacity.

There are plans for 2.37 million BPD to be pumped through Turkish lines, 1.65

million BPD through Saudi Arabia's Ipsi I and Ipsi II which is scheduled for completion in 1990, and 0.15 million BPD to be transported by truck.

### Plans

This breakdown is based on plans announced earlier this year, according to which the current pipeline through Turkey would be expanded to carry 3 million BPD, up from current 1.5 million BPD. There are also plans to construct a pipeline from Kirkuk to Batman in Turkey which will pump 300,000 BPD and a small line from Ain Zal to Batman with a capacity of 70,000 BPD.

Iraq, strapped by a \$60 billion international debt, is in desperate need of additional funds to meet its financial commitments and reconstruction projects, once the war ends.

Facing a crisis Iraq began a programme of economic reform in 1987. It successfully curtailed imports, rescheduled its debts and improved efficiency of banking.

Baghdad slashed its imports of commercial goods from \$20 billion in 1981 to about \$12 billion in 1988. Last year Iraq had a positive trade balance of over \$1 billion and according to the more optimistic forecasts

Iraq's current account could be in the black by 1989.

Underpinning Iraq's economic potential are its large proven oil reserves of 100 billion barrels in addition to 45 billion barrels of unproven reserves.

### Funds

But if Iraq, in search of additional funds, floods the oil market in the post-war period it could cause a further decline in oil prices thus hurting its OPEC partners, including those who had supported its war effort. This is why analysts are inclined to believe that the Arab countries will not press Iraq to return some \$35 billion Baghdad owes them.

## World Business Summary

### Soviet harvest better than in 1987

MOSCOW, Aug 3. (Reuter): A Soviet agricultural official said today this year's harvest was progressing well and farmers were bringing in more grain than in 1987. Alexander Zhlobov of the state Agro-Industrial Committee (Gosagroprom) told the Tass news agency harvesting rates were also ahead of those achieved last year when 21 million tonnes were reaped. But he added: "It would not be quite wise to forecast the total crop now since there are still two months of harvesting ahead." The US Department of Agriculture last month forecast this year's Soviet crop at 215 million tonnes, while the London-based International Wheat Council predicted 218 million tonnes. Zhlobov, a member of the Gosagroprom collegium, said hot weather in northern areas of the country and rain in normally dry areas of the south could have caused problems for this year's crop. "But, despite all the weather deviations, there was no disaster anywhere. Drought did not exceed ordinary proportions, though it hit quite sizeable territories. "The north Caucasus and the Ukraine, where fields were flooded with rain sometime ago, have harvested more grain than last year at the same time," he added.

### Shultz hints US could aid Argentina with new loan

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 3. (Reuter): Secretary of State George Shultz, in Argentina for talks on the economy and other issues, has hinted that Washington would help the country cope with its severe debt crisis by providing a new loan. Argentina has been negotiating a \$500-million bridging loan with Washington that would help Buenos Aires pay service charges on its \$55-billion foreign debt, according to banking sources. A US official told reporters Shultz said in an interview recorded for broadcast on US television today that it appeared the negotiations were going well. "He will be saying that he believed that there had been good discussions between the Argentines and our Treasury and Federal Reserve and that he thought that those discussions would be productive and fruitful," the official said. US officials travelling with Shultz said the strain on Argentina as it struggled to service its debts was severe and worrying. Shultz offered at several points on Tuesday to help Argentina with its economic problems in any way he could, the official said in briefing reporters. The secretary, on a nine-nation, 10-day Latin American tour, met President Raul Alfonsin, Foreign Minister Dante Caputo, Economic Minister Juan Sourrouille and other top officials to discuss economics, drug interdiction, and other issues. He praised Argentina repeatedly for its return to democracy after years of military rule following the 1982 Falklands war, calling the country a stirring example to the world. In his luncheon talk, Shultz urged economic reforms to combat the country's debt and inflation crisis. "Nothing consolidates political freedom as much as economic well-being, which needs, in turn, strong macroeconomic policies and long-term structural reform," he said. Alfonsin's government this week began unveiling an austerity programme aimed at curbing inflation, now running at over 20 per cent a month, through public sector spending cuts. Shultz's visit drew protests from left-wing political parties, including a rally in which some 8,000 marched on the Argentine Congress, chanting anti-US slogans.

### Boussena appointed chief of Algerian oil company

ALGIERS, Aug 3. (OPECNA): A new director-general has been appointed for the Algerian national oil company, Sonatrach. He is Sadek Boussena, 40, who takes over from Yousfi Yousfi named president of recently-created holding companies set up to improve the performance of large state enterprises. Boussena has held various top positions in the Algerian national oil industry. In the past fifteen years, he has been economic analyst and adviser, director of economic and legal affairs and director-general for planning and management. In 1981, he was appointed secretary-general of the Ministry of Energy and Petrochemical Industries. The new Sonatrach director-general sat on various OPEC technical committees between 1973 and 1981. He has been the OPEC governor for Algeria since 1981. According to an oil industry source, Boussena's appointment is a crucial part of the current restructuring of Algerian national enterprises seen by the government as a means of improving the efficiency and productivity of the economy. The source added that the goal of the restructuring is to give more autonomy and decision-making power to state-owned enterprises expected to operate on the basis of "essentially economic criteria."

### San Jose oil facility to be extended for another year

CARACAS, Aug 3. (OPECNA): OPEC member Venezuela and non-OPEC oil producer Mexico will extend their joint oil facility programme of crude supplies to central and Caribbean countries for another year. Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi and Mexico's head of state Hurtado Miguel de la Madrid said in a joint statement, issued simultaneously here and in Mexico City, that the extension will be with immediate effect. Under the programme, known as the San Jose accord, Venezuela and Mexico will together supply 130,000 BPD of crude to nine Latin American and Caribbean countries. According to the announcement, the terms of the accord which began in 1980, will remain unchanged. Belize is an additional country benefitting from the programme which so far has covered Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Barbados, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. Venezuela and Mexico began supplying crude to the Latin American and Caribbean nations under the San Jose accord in 1980.

### US urged to take lead to help ease Third World debt

WASHINGTON, Aug 3. (AP): Two top US financiers and a former cabinet member from Colombia called on the United States to take the lead in a new strategy for easing the burden on the Third World of its \$1.2-trillion debt. James D. Robinson III, chairman of the American Express Co., on Tuesday pressed for setting up an independent "institute of international debt and development" to buy up Third World debt at a discount and benefit the debtors by reducing interest rates. He said this should be done through a joint venture by the World Bank and its sister organisation, the International Monetary Fund. Both the World Bank and the IMF have 151 member governments, with the United States having the biggest voting strength, but decisions for both bodies are reached mainly through consensus. Eugene H. Rothenberg, executive vice-president of Merrill Lynch and Co., and Rodrigo Botero, former Finance Minister of Colombia, both supported a role in this matter for the World Bank, where Rothenberg served as vice-president. All three spoke on Tuesday at a hearing of the subcommittee on international finance of the Senate Banking Committee. Botero also noted the fragility of democracy among Latin American debtor nations. "A remarkable aspect of the debt crisis so far is the commitment of democratic governments in the region to remain within the existing international framework and to fulfil external obligations at a high political cost," said Botero. He added: "This committee should not be taken for granted." Botero is a visiting scholar at the Harvard Centre for International Relations. He cited the strong showing in the recent Mexican election of Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, who urged suspension of debt payments. He also mentioned the situation in Argentina, where the Peronist candidate in next year's election also favours a moratorium on debt payment.

War puts Baghdad in big debtor league

## West likely to expand credit lines to Iraq

BAHRAIN, Aug 3. (Reuter):

Eight years of war have turned Iraq into one of the Third World's most heavily indebted nations, but President Saddam Hussein is expected to seek new Western credits if a ceasefire is agreed.

Economists and political analysts said Western governments may be ready to expand credit lines in a bid to boost political influence in post-war Baghdad and support their companies competing for contracts to reconstruct the shattered economy.

But they warn that Iraq's record of late payments and a history of debt reschedulings — playing one creditor off against another — will temper any enthusiasm.

### Credits

"If the war ends, the Iraqis will go down the road of asking for more credits and will hold out the carrots of lucrative contracts for companies," said a Middle East political analyst. "It will be hard to resist, particularly if influence can no longer be won with day-to-day arms contracts."

From one of the Gulf's richest oil producers at the turn of the decade with foreign reserves put at \$20 billion, Iraq has joined the world's major league debtors and now owes billions of dollars to rebuild.

Commercial banks in major Western nations were owed \$8.47 billion at the end of 1987 according to figures collated by the Basle-based Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

Western government export credit agencies are estimated to have guaranteed as much as \$15 billion.

The debt has financed huge arms purchases, building Iraq's Soviet- and French-equipped Air Force into one of the most powerful in the region and equipping a one-million-strong Army which now boasts about 6,000 predominantly Soviet tanks.

But if peace negotiations underway at the UN halt the fighting, Iraq will need billions of

dollars to rebuild.

Settlement of shipping rights in the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway would unlock a \$3 billion development scheme for the Basra port region and revive plans to build offshore oil terminals to export crude through the Gulf.

### Output

Even daily output now at 2.7 million barrels a day — the second highest within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries after Saudi Arabia — is not seen as enough to finance reconstruction at a time of weak oil prices.

The euphoria that greeted Iran's about-turn in accepting a UN ceasefire call has long since turned into a hard-nosed realisation that lasting peace could take months to negotiate.

But economists say Iraq is keeping bridges open to its main bank-rollers, avoiding a wholesale rescheduling and granting preferential treatment to creditors considered most important.

France, as a major arms supplier, the United States as a grain exporter, and Britain as a driving force behind recent UN attempts to impose a weapons embargo on Iran have all found repayments on government-backed debt to be more or less punctual.

An official at France's Coface agency in Paris said its position on future export credits was one of "wait and see."

Some other countries such as Yugoslavia appear to have ended up at the bottom of the pecking order, while Turkey has tightened credit regulations to slow the rising trend of Iraqi debt already estimated at about \$2.2 billion.

Japanese banks are being asked to agree a new rescheduling of letters of credit, just fifteen months after signing a deal to delay repayment on 50 billion yen (\$380 million) of debt.

Economists expect Iraq will try to extend official credit lines as a first move, knowing that banks — which have already rescheduled three Eurocredits — will be reluctant to offer direct finance without the safety net of government guarantees.

Aran banks with traditionally close ties to Baghdad are doing steady trade-related business, buying promissory notes issued by the Iraqi government to foreign contractors.

That banks can offload the risk, sometimes to a Western credit agency guaranteeing payment and sometimes by recourse to payment from the contractor if Iraq is not forthcoming.

But as one Japanese trader in the Gulf said: "It is very easy to sign contracts in Baghdad. But will I get paid?"

## Some investors pursue profits with a conscience

LONDON, Aug 3. (Reuter): A small but possibly growing number of investors are taking what they consider a moral look at where they put their money.

And, amid public debate on such issues as the environment, health and apartheid, some financiers see business opportunities in "ethical investment."

Rachel Griffiths, at the London-based Ethical Investment Research and Information Service (EIRIS), said that as much as 10 percent of investment on Wall Street may have undergone some degree of ethical scrutiny.

### Proportions

The proportion of British investment subject to some ethical test was probably less than one per cent but might rise as Britain took its cue from the United States.

EIRIS, an advisory body, was set up in 1983 by churches and charitable trusts.

"We don't actually say whether a company is ethical or non-ethical," Griffiths said. "We leave that to the individual."

She said ethics in investment had been an issue in the United States for 10 to 15 years.

But interest in Continental Europe was not great, partly because tight disclosure laws made it difficult to research companies.

"In terms of money it's small, but that's not to say they don't

have a certain amount of support."

Woodard also saw a market for ethical pension funds and signs that in the general banking field, too, some people were concerned about how their deposits were used.

The Ecology Building Savings and Loan Society, based in northern England, was set up in 1981 to provide loans for ecologically-based projects. Its general manager Bob Lowman said it now has assets of £2.6 million (\$4.5 million).

"People save with us because they like the sort of lending we do," he said.

In May this year West Germany's first environmentalist bank, Oekobank, opened in Frankfurt. Like the Ecology Building Society, Oekobank aims to provide loans for ecological and other alternative projects which more conventional banks might not consider.

Depositors have also been assured the new bank will not invest in South Africa, the arms industry or in other areas opposed by environmentalists and the left.

Keeping an investment portfolio completely "clean" can be difficult and investors often have to compromise to some extent.

forms of financial help.

Exim also announced its board of directors has agreed to resume lending to Brazil to encourage sales of US goods there.

The action follows an agreement reached in Paris over the weekend between Brazil and 13 creditor governments, including the United States. The accord will delay repayments on \$5 billion worth of debt due between last Jan 1, 1987 and March 31, 1990. As well, none of the interest or principal will be repaid until the end of the period, said Sergio Amaral, head of the Brazilian delegation.

Payments after 1990 will be spread over 10 years. It is unusual for such arrangements to delay both interest and principal payments.

The US bank announced on July 11 that it was accepting applications for loans to Brazil and that a decision would be made after the Paris talks.

"This condition has been satisfied and Eximbank now is prepared to act on preliminary and final commitments," said the bank's president, John A. Bohn Jr, in a statement.

Brazil's international credit was badly hurt in February 1987 when it stopped paying interest on more than \$60 billion of its bank debt, the biggest in the Third World.

Richardson testified before the Senate Commerce Committee that it would discourage foreign investment and result in higher US interest rates and an economic slowdown.

Richardson called the reporting requirements burdensome. He said sufficient data already have been collected by 16 federal agencies and that investors would have to reveal business secrets.

In its study, the institute said an "unprecedented transfer of American assets to foreign control is under way."

Since 1980, foreign direct investment in the United States expanded by more than 215 percent, while American investment abroad jumped by one-fifth that rate, the study said.

## Lawmaker seeks foreign investment disclosure

WASHINGTON, Aug 3. (AP): Foreign investment in the United States is expected to accelerate dramatically this year, but the true scope of overseas ownership remains hidden, a congressional critic says.

"We need to know if foreign ownership is concentrating itself in key areas of our economy — energy, steel, banking — whether foreign ownership is gaining control of key sectors of the American economy," says Congressman John Bryant.

Bryant came into the spotlight last year as sponsor of a provision of the 1,000-page trade bill approved by the House of Representatives. It would have forced a major increase in the amount of disclosure required of foreign investors.

The Reagan administration opposes his bill because "they don't want to look like the folks that gave away the store," Bryant said.

Prospects for getting the bill to the President this year are not especially bright, but Bryant vows not to give up.

To bolster his case, he cites a private study released last week showing foreign ownership in the United States more than tripled since 1980.

The congressional economic leadership institute said foreign investors own about 33 percent of prime commercial real estate in Washington DC, 46 percent in Los Angeles, and 39 percent in Houston.

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 4-5, 1988

## LONDON (LONDON STOCKS)

## LONDON (BORS STOCKS)

NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	336.0	337.0	337.0
ADT LTD	145.0	145.0	145.0
ALD LYONS	420.0	420.0	420.0
ANSTRAD	232.0	232.0	232.0
ARGYLL GP	190.0	190.0	190.0
ASDA GP	157.0	157.0	157.0
BAA	276.5	276.5	276.5
BTR	289.0	289.0	289.0
BAT INDs	431.0	431.0	431.0
BARCLAYS	402.0	402.0	402.0
BASS	785.0	785.0	785.0
BEAVER	180.0	180.0	180.0
BECHAMIS	487.0	487.0	487.0
BERISFORD	378.0	378.0	378.0
BICC PLC	369.0	369.0	369.0
BIG AIRWAY	105.0	105.0	105.0
BLUE CIRC	458.0	458.0	458.0
BOE GP	16.08	16.08	16.08
BOOTS CO	228.0	228.0	228.0
BPB INDs	282.0	282.0	282.0
BR COMM	240.0	240.0	240.0
BR AIRWAY	155.0	155.0	155.0
BR AEROSP	482.0	482.0	482.0
BR GAS RG	180.5	180.5	180.5
BR GAS RT	180.0	180.0	180.0
BR LAND	359.0	359.0	359.0
B.P.	259.0	259.0	259.0
B.P.-NEW	59.0	59.0	59.0
B.R.-PRT	545.0	545.0	545.0
BURNAH D	545.0	545.0	545.0
BURTON	230.0	230.0	230.0
CABLEMIR	380.0	380.0	380.0
CADBURYs	378.0	378.0	378.0
COATS VIT	256.0	256.0	256.0
COMX UNI	382.0	382.0	382.0
CONS GOLD	257.0	257.0	257.0
COOKSONS	257.0	257.0	257.0
COURTAULD	353.0	353.0	353.0
DALGETY	354.0	354.0	354.0
DEE CP	183.0	183.0	183.0
DIXONS	184.0	184.0	184.0
ENR CHINA	453.0	453.0	453.0
ENTER OIL	488.0	488.0	488.0
FKI BACK	130.5	130.5	130.5
FERRANTI	95.0	95.0	95.0
GEN ACCID	923.0	923.0	923.0
GEN ELEC	160.0	160.0	160.0
GLAXO	976.0	976.0	976.0
GRANADA	314.0	314.0	314.0
GLOBE	144.0	144.0	144.0
GLYNNED	307.0	307.0	307.0
GRAND MET	494.0	494.0	494.0
GUARD RYL	196.5	196.5	196.5
GKO	336.0	336.0	336.0
GUINNESS	326.0	326.0	326.0
HAMERSH A	632.0	632.0	632.0
HANSON	143.5	143.5	143.5
HARRISH C	663.0	663.0	663.0
HAWKER SID	532.0	532.0	532.0
HILLSDOWN	282.0	282.0	282.0
ICI	405.0	405.0	405.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1502.0	1491.4	1495.6	1483.2
FT 500 SRN	0	1058.5	1061.6	1052.0
FT ALL SHR	0	966.77	969.89	963.01
FT GOV SEC	0	88.02	87.98	87.92
FT GOLD MN	0	198.3	204.0	202.7
FT NINES F	0	520.81	526.27	517.46
FT OIL	0	1846.0	1856.9	1834.0
FT WLD DLR	129.49	129.51	127.19	126.05
FT WLD STG	112.27	112.06	109.44	109.51
FT WLD LOC	118.61	118.55	126.89	115.44
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## International Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS NEAR DAY'S HIGHS, HELPED BY WALL ST. LONDON, AUG 3, REUTER - SHARES PRICES EDGED TOWARDS THE DAY'S HIGHS IN LATE AFTERNOON TRADING, REFLECTING WALL STREET'S RECOVERY FROM EARLY MODEST DECLINES. DEALERS SAID INTEREST REMAINED LARGE FOCUSED ON SPECULATIVE STOCKS WHILE A LOWER STERLING UNDERPINNED DEMAND FOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. AT 1520 GMT, THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 9.4 UP AT 1,864.9 AFTER A HIGH OF 1,866.4 ON A 1500 GMT TURNOVER OF 376.8 MLN SHARES. AMONG THE INTERNATIONALS, ICI ROSE 11P TO 1,058, GLAXO 6P TO 979, BP 1P TO 260 AND BRITISH AEROSPACE 99 P TO 483. THE PROPERTY SECTOR RETURNED TO FAOUR AFTER RECENT NEGLECT, CHIEFLY IN REACTION TO PEACHEY'S DEFENCE DOCUMENT TO A 265 MLN STG BID FROM DUTCH COMPANY WERELDHAVE. MPEC ADDED 13P AT 560 AND LAND SECURITIES FIRMED 12P TO 589. PEACHEY, 1P HIGHER AT 624, ESTIMATED ITS NET ASSET VALUE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 24, 1988, AT 629P PER SHARE, UP 47 PCT ON THE COMPARATIVE PERIOD AND COMPARED THIS WITH WERELDAVE'S BID OF 612P. PROPERTY ANALYSTS SAID ALTHOUGH THE MARKET HAD BEEN GENERALLY EXPECTING PEACHEY'S LATEST VALUATION TO BE IN EXCESS OF SIX STG, THE RATE OF GAIN WAS SURPRISING.

## London Gold

LONDON, AUG 3, REUTER - GOLD BULLION FINISHED SLIGHTLY FIRMER, REFLECTING THE HIGHER OPENING AND EARLY TRADE OF NEW GOLD CORYRS TODAY. BUT IN GENERALLY DULL VOLUMES MANY TRADERS WERE SIDELINED AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF TODAY'S OPEC PRICE COMMITTEE MEETING IN SWITZERLAND, DEALERS SAID. GOLD CLOSED AT 433.50/434.00 DLRS AN OUNCE FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE OF 432.25/432.75 AND TODAY'S AFTERNOON FIX OF 434.10. THE MARKET GAINED ON THE BACK OF STRONG COMEX WITH MANY TRADERS IGNORING THE SMALL MOVEMENTS IN THE DOLLAR AND CRUDE OIL PRICES. TRADE IN LONDON REMAINED SUBDOED WITH ACTIVITY LARGELY CONFINED TO LIGHT PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS, DEALERS ADDED.

## London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 3, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES CONTINUED LITTLE CHANGED IN QUIET LATE TRADING WITH NO MAJOR NEW FACTORS EMERGING TO CHANGE SENTIMENT. STERLING'S FLUCTUATIONS WERE SHRUGGED OFF BY THE MARKET WITH DEALERS SAYING THAT MUCH LARGER MOVES WOULD BE NEEDED TO PROMPT PRESSURE FOR A CHANGE IN U.K. BASE RATES. AT 1500 GMT, THE POUND WAS JUST 0.1 OFF ITS PREVIOUS CLOSE AT 76.5 ON ITS TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX AFTER REACHING A LOW ON THE DAY OF 76.3. EARLY IN THE SESSION, STERLING'S EASIER TONE LED TO SLIGHTLY FIRMER RATES, BUT IN LATE TRADING THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS STEADY AT 10-7/8 3/4 PCT.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DHK	FFR
1.7050/60	1.7055/70	1.8765/70	6.3265/95
DNG 1.8733/8813	3.195/209	3.2000/35	10.7835/7985
FFR 6.1395/3315	10.795/813	336.8/337.5	---
ECU 1.5647/5657	2.6675/6707	83.31/40	24.72/75
HFL 2.1170	3.6150	112.89	33.485
SDR 1.36165	0.650907	2.08472	7.02979
YEN 133.10/20	226.93/227.24	-----	-----
SDR RATES	02/08/1988	OTHERS	03/08/1988

## Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	321.3	321.1	316.3	305.2
AUSTRIA	219.8	220.7	218.3	208.9
BELGIUM	379.9	367.8	376.5	388.2
CANADA	365.9	364.6	364.6	375.1
DENMARK	440.9	441.5	437.5	436.4
FRANCE	372.2	370.8	364.5	370.5
GERMANY	184.3	184.7	180.8	176.9
HONG KONG	1992.6	1989.0	1958.9	1945.9
FINLAND	125.4	125.1	124.6	123.5
ITALY	427.3	428.2	419.0	402.3
JAPAN	1332.9	1331.4	1299.4	1269.9
NETHERLANDS	270.8	271.3	263.2	253.4
NEW ZEAL	100.2	99.7	100.0	96.1
NORWAY	509.2	509.0	505.8	496.9
SPAIN	659.0	657.4	640.7	633.7
SUEDEN	962.7	964.8	950.3	917.0
SWITZ	159.6	158.9	158.5	157.4
U.K.	560.4	561.6	555.5	556.5
U.S.A.	250.6	250.6	244.9	251.9
WORLD	457.2	457.2	449.3	446.8
E.A.F.E.	861.8	861.8	848.5	829.3

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 4-5, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

**London** — The coupon on the 100 min dir equity warrant Eurobond for Nippon Fire and Marine Insurance Co Ltd reported last month from Tokyo has been indicated at 5-1/4 pct, lead manager Yamaichi International Europe Ltd said. Market sources noted that the indicated coupon level of 5-1/4 pct compares with the last coupon on a five year deal of 4-7/8 pct. (RTUW 0909)

**London** — The coupon on the 200 min dir four year equity warrant bond for Mitsui Toatsu Chemicals Inc has been indicated at 4-1/2 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. The last level at which a four year Japanese equity warrant was fixed 3-7/8 pct. (RTUW 0920)

**London** — The Abbey National Building Society is issuing a 200 min dir Eurobond due Sept 10, 1988 paying 9-3/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd said. (RTVW 1034)

**London** — BP America Inc is issuing a 100 min dir Eurobond due Sept 1, 1989 paying 10-1/2 pct and priced at 102-80 pct, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said. (RTUJ 0755)

**London** — Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) is issuing a 100 min Canadian dir, zero coupon Eurobond due Sept 13, 1996 priced at 46.55 pct, lead manager Wood Gundy Inc said. (RTXW 1522)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	9-3/4 1/2	10-3/8 1/4	10-7/8 3/4
FFT	4.80/90	5.00/05	5.20/30
PAN	7 7/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3 3-1/4	3-1/2 3-3/4
BRX	4.40	6-3/4 13/16	7-1/8 3/16
RDM	10 10/12	10-5/8 11-1/8	11 11-1/2
AMS	5.0 5-1/4	5-1/16 5-3/16	5-5/16 5-7/16
TOK	3.8125 8750	4.0000 0625	UNQ
ECU	6.75 7.00	6.87 7.00	7.18 7.31

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-15/16	6-5/16
3 months	6	6-3/8
6 months	6-1/8	6-7/16
1 year	6-3/16	6-9/16

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	59	59	59	NICO	600	575	580
ACC	251.50	246	GNFC	48.50	47.50	48	HUKAND	85	83	84
ASTA PAINT	153.75	153.75	GRASIN	108	107	107	HOCIL	480	470	485
BAJAJ AUTO	252.50	247.50	HIND LEVER	69.50	68.50	68.50	PEICO	31	29.50	30.50
BAR. RAYON	240	235	HINDALCO	95	95	95.50	PFIZER	62	62	61
BON. DYEING	111	108	HINDCOCO	83.75	81.25	82.50	PRE. AUTO	33	32.50	32.50
BR. BOND	87	86	HINDMOTOR	26.75	26.50	26	RAYMOND	49	48	49
BSE INDEX	609.60	604.36	IND ORG	25.75	24	25	RELIANCE	204	201.50	203
CENTURYSPEC	890	880	INDRAYAT	66	66	66.50	SIEMENS	70	69	70
COLGATE	222.50	217.50	INDROL	170	162.50	166.25	SPIC	52	51.50	51.50
DEEPAKFERT	40	38.50	INDTOM	45.50	43	44	STHILLIS	255	252.50	260
E.I. HOTEL	50	48	JKSYNTH	64	62	63.25	TATA PMR	247.50	245	250
ESKAYE	117.50	115.115	L AND T	109.50	107	111.50	TATACHEM	74.50	73	75
ESSAR	19	18.50	MAHINDRA	58.50	57.50	59.50	TELO	675	665	667.50
GAR. POLY	78	77.50	MASTERSHR	10.50	10.25	10.40	TISCO	832.50	822.50	822.50
GE.SHIP	29.75	29.50	MATHER PL	52	51	51	VOLTAS	305	300	312.50

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STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUBI CP	1160	1150	MITSUB EL	975	975
AEG	202.3	202.3	AIJINMOTO	2930	2970	2970	MITSUB EST	2440	2520
ALLIANZ VR	1545.0	1547.0	AKAI ELEC	625	620	620	MITSUB HVY	989	970
BADENWERK	182.0	181.2	AOKI	980	970	970	MITSUI CO	905	900
BAASF	259.5	261.5	ASAHI GLS	1930	1950	1950	MITSUKOSHI	1850	1860
BAYER	293.5	293.4	ASAHI OPT	679	679	679	MITSUMI EL	1150	1150
BAYER HYP	334.0	347.5	BANK TOKYO	1580	1590	1590	MICHICON	1370	1360
BAYER VER	336.0	340.5	BRIDGESTON	1350	1380	1380	MIKRON CHNT	810	808
BBC	306.0	307.0	CANON	1450	1460	1460	MIKKO SEC	1970	1990
BHF	426.0	424.0	CASIO COMP	1290	1300	1300	MIP ELEC	2260	2290
BHM	509.0	512.0	CHUGAI PHM	1550	1630	1630	MIP KOKAN	655	669
COMMERZBK	232.1	232.0	CITIZEN W	827	840	840	MIP OIL	1160	1100
CONTI GUINN	259.5	262.8	D-ICHI KAM	3100	3130	3130	MIP STEEL	763	777
DAIHER BEN	682.0	689.5	DAI NIP IK	800	799	799	MIP YUSEN	789	758
DEUTSC BNK	483.2	485.0	DAI NIP PT	2550	2550	2550	MITSURO	1260	1280
DLW	363.0	362.5	DAI NIP SC	1150	1150	1150	MOMURA SEC	3960	4040
DRESDNER-B.	255.0	257.5	DAI-NIP TO.	600	590	590	MORI CO	978	960
DT BABCOCK	179.3	179.5	DAICEI	889	875	875	OLYMPUS	1160	1140
F&Z INDEX	489.42	496.38	DAIMAR-H	2110	2110	2110	PENTA OCH	840	840
FEHLWUEHL	245.8	249.5	DAIMA SEC	2600	2610	2610	PIioneer	3750	3720
GOLDSMITH	296.0	300.0	EBRA MFG	950	930	930	RENOM	960	930
HARPER	426.0	424.0	EISAI	2080	2060	2060	RICOH	1320	1320
HOECHST AG	274.0	274.7	FUJITSU	1870	1820	1820	SANKYO	2120	2100
HOESCH	146.9	144.5	FUJI BANK	3260	3290	3290	SENYO ELEC	767	780
HORTEN	191.0	193.0	FUJI PHOTO	3910	3910	3910	SEIYU ST	2280	2300
HUSSEL HLD	419.0	422.0	FUJISAWA	1870	1870	1870	SEKISUI PB	1770	1790
KALI SALZ	160.2	160.0	FUJITA CP	740	750	750	SHARP	1240	1230
KARSTADT	419.0	420.5	HITACHI	1990	2010	2010	SHISEIDO	1750	1780
KAUFNOF	357.5	363.5	HONDA MOT	2320	2560	2560	SONY	7050	6950
KLOECK H	128.5	128.5	ISETAN	2360	2410	2410	TAKEUCHI	930	928
KLOECK M	0	101.00	ITO YOKADO	4400	4400	4400	TAISEI	1130	1130
LINDE	690.0	683.0	JAP SYN RU	1130	1160	1160	TAISHO MRN	1120	1130
LUFTHANSA	142.7	145.0	JAPAN AIR	14800	14800	14800	TAKEDA CH	2740	2760
MAN	197.5	196.4	JAPAN MET	600	595	595	TEIJIN	800	805
MANNESMAN	169.0	169.5	KAJIMA	1430	1480	1480	TKO NEW IX	245.47	253.10
MERCEDES	553.5	555.0	KANSAI EL	3160	3170	3170	TKO NEW X	245.47	253.10
METALGES	309.0	305.0	KAO SOAP	1820	1840	1840	TOKIO MRN	2050	2060
MIXDORF PF	455.0	436.2	KAMAKASI H	730	737	737	TOKYO ELEC	1320	1310
NORSK HYD	60.50	62.00	KAMAKASI S	674	685	685	TOKYO GAS	1230	1240
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## BUSINESS

World oil market under review

# Key OPEC ministers begin talks

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Aug 3. (AP): The price monitoring committee of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries began meeting today to discuss world oil market price developments since the last regular OPEC conference in June.

The five-nation committee, comprising ministers from Venezuela, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Algeria, met behind closed doors at a luxury hotel in this lakeside city. Conference members said the meeting would last one or two days.

### Quota

Venezuelan Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti said yesterday that one item on the agenda would be a report by OPEC secretary-general Subroto, of Indonesia, on his visit to the United Arab Emirates in July. Subroto visited the UAE after

it decided to abandon its OPEC oil output quota of 948,000 barrels a day and to aim to produce up to 1.5 million.

The committee is also to discuss the OPEC auditors' report for OPEC production in May, as well as estimates from secondary sources for June and July production.

### Prices

Indonesian Oil Minister Gintandjar Kartasasmita said yesterday that industry estimates for June OPEC production were between 18.54-18.56 million barrels a day, while July production estimates were understood to be around 19 million barrels a day.

One OPEC delegate source said "19 million barrels a day is definitely too much [for OPEC to be producing]. We will never see prices recover in the short-to-medium term at that level."

Delegates sources said that another topic of discussion by the pricing committee would be

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, responding to press reports that his country's oil output in July was above its OPEC quota, said today "that is wrong." He said Saudi Arabia is producing within its output quota of 4.343 million barrels a day.

The OPEC price committee is empowered to study world oil price trends, and to call an emergency meeting of the full 13-member OPEC ministerial conference if it finds that world oil prices have diverged significantly from OPEC's \$18 a barrel average reference price.

### Production

OPEC president Rilwanu Lukman, Nigeria's Oil Minister, said yesterday that a full OPEC meeting could not be excluded.

Delegates sources said that another topic of discussion by the pricing committee would be

the effect on OPEC production levels of a possible ceasefire between Iran and Iraq.

The sources said that two opinions have apparently arisen on the possible effect.

Some within OPEC believe a ceasefire could result in the two countries' flooding world oil markets with crude as they try to sell more oil to finance the reconstruction of their war-torn economies.

Others seem to think that an end to the war would mean greater co-operation within OPEC and lead to production restraint, the sources said.

Crude oil prices dropped nearly 50 cents a barrel yesterday on reports of overproduction by OPEC members and doubts that the organisation's pricing committee will hammer out a solution at its meeting.

Crude oil for delivery in Sep-

tember finished down 47 cents at \$15.61 a barrel on the New York mercantile exchange. Traders said selling accelerated after the September contract fell through a key barrier of \$15.80 a barrel.

"The market now expects little positive action to come out of the price committee meeting," said John O'Connell, research director of Refco Inc.

North Sea Brent oil for September was quoted at \$14.95 a barrel on the spot market, down 50 cents from Monday's close.

Meanwhile, Gulf oil industry sources told Reuters that oil output by the six Gulf members of OPEC exceeded their combined assigned quotas by 2 million barrels in July. The six producers — Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and the UAE — produced 12.5 million barrels a day in July, the highest level in one year, the sources said.

# International economic sanctions trim South African exports

TORONTO, Aug 3. (Reuters):

International economic sanctions have trimmed South African exports by seven per cent since 1983 but several nations have filled that gap by defying trade bans, a report commissioned by Commonwealth foreign ministers said.

The United States, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden cut total imports from South Africa to \$2.18 billion in 1987 from \$3.39 billion in 1985. Commonwealth sources quoting from the report told Reuters on Tuesday.

The existing sanctions universally applied, coupled with a ban on the items proposed by the report, would account for 30 per cent of total South African exports, one delegate said.

example, each account for two per cent of South Africa's exports, the report says.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal, who called for tougher sanctions in his opening remarks to the meeting on Tuesday, told Reuters, "we'll have to look at other products."

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### Purchases

"The economy won't grind to a halt but their living conditions will be affected," said the delegate, who asked not to be identified. "You're trying to create discomfort. You want the Whites to feel the price of apartheid."

The sanctions have caused South Africa to drop the price of some of its goods to attract new buyers.

Spain, Hong Kong, South Korea, Belgium, Taiwan, Netherlands and Portugal are named as nations which have recently increased their coal purchases, while Turkey, Israel and Argentina are among nations that now buy more South African iron and steel.

The report said to be the first time international trade data has been compiled on the impact of sanctions, is to be discussed on the second of a two-day meeting of Commonwealth foreign ministers on apartheid today.

### Exports

### Demand

The study urges Commonwealth countries to step up pressure against those countries which are increasing trade with South Africa and recommends widening existing bans to cover such items as copper, tin, zinc, wool, cotton and wood pulp which are readily available in other countries.

### Wool and wood pulp, for

"They're taking advantage of sanctions by buying cheaper products," the delegate said.

The United States, among those that reduced its imports last year, bought \$965 million less in goods from South Africa last year, or 42 per cent, than it did three years ago.

Denmark slashed its imports by \$135 million, or 96 per cent,

last year over 1985.

Japan is named as the country that has most increased the value of its imports of South African goods, buying \$748 million more than it did in 1985, a 44 per cent increase.

Taiwan, with the greatest percentage increase in South African imports, bought \$305 million more in goods last year, or 146 per cent more than it did three years ago.

The report was compiled by international experts using published data from South Africa's trading partners. It covers all aspects of its trade except for arms and oil.

A final report on sanctions is due in May but the statistics on its exports are not expected to change.

Foreign ministers interviewed about the statistics said they had not yet studied the report but supported its calls for increased diplomatic pressure.

Some, like Zimbabwean Foreign Affairs Minister Robert Mugabe, said any new sanctions would be welcomed. "We must have a wider and tighter programme," he said.

The report also says South Africa has obtained an increasing amount of trade credits, under which it is granted a certain period of time to pay back its shopping bills.

West Germany imported \$289 million more last year than three years ago, a 30 per cent increase; Italy bought \$163 million more, or 10 per cent; Spain climbed \$145 million, or 84 per cent, and Turkey with \$116 million more in goods jumped 132 per cent.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 3. (Reuters): The market closed easier as investors took profits in all sectors. The All Ordinaries closed down 1.7 at 1,622.1.

TOKYO: Prices closed mixed with the market pausing after climbs for seven straight days. The Nikkei index fell 17.88 to 28,348.45.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed slightly lower in fairly quiet trading.

BRITISH COMPANIES ARE EVIDENTLY AWARE OF THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE, WITH IRAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION, SHOWING STRONG INTEREST IN ATTENDING THE BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR IN NOVEMBER.

CUMMING BELIEVED THAT THIS MOVE WAS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS YEARS, WHEN "IT GOT TO THE STAGE WHERE COMPANIES HAD TO BE PERSUADED TO ATTEND."

ONE REASON FOR THE BUOYANCY OF UK-IRAQI TRADE HAS BEEN A SERIES OF BRITISH LINES OF CREDIT TO BAGHDAD SINCE 1984, AND FURTHER CREDIT AGREEMENTS ARE IN PROSPECT, SAID MID-EAST MARKETS.

FRANKFURT: Prices closed mixed in light trading, after profit-taking wiped out some early gains inspired by strong first-half results for Deutsche Bank and Hoechst. The DAX index rose 3.46 to 1,187.67.

ZURICH: The market closed slightly higher in fairly quiet trading. The All-Share Swiss index rose 4.2 to 893.6.

PARIS: Prices ended the continuous session easier in quiet trading.

LONDON: Share prices edged towards the day's highs in late afternoon trading, reflecting Wall Street's recovery from early modest declines. Dealers said interest remained largely focused on speculative stocks while a lower sterling underpinned demand for international issues.

AT 1520 GMT, THE FTSE 100 INDEX WAS UP 9.4 AT 1,864.9.

NEW YORK: Stocks were narrowly mixed and directionless in late-morning trading. The Dow was up two at 2,134.

# Anglo-Iraqi trade set for further expansion

LONDON, Aug 3. (KUNA):

Anglo-Iraqi trade, already showing signs of revival as the result of Baghdad's stronger economy, seemed set for further expansion, according to figures released here today.

Provisional British estimates indicated that the UK exports to Iraq totalled £115 million in the January-April period this year, 20 per cent up on the same period of 1987.

Over the same period, British imports from Iraq declined from £40 million to £22 million, reported the London fortnightly magazine, Mid-East Markets.

The net result is that the British surplus on bilateral trade rose from £56 million to £93 million.

**Relations**

"The Iraqi market is looking up," Dennis Cumming, chairman of the advisory committee for Middle East Trade (COMET) was quoted as saying by the publication which is part of the Financial Times group.

COMET is a British department of trade-sponsored body which links British companies trading with the Middle East.

**Egypt raises oil prices**

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 3. (AP):

Egypt today announced it was raising its oil export prices for all grades by \$1.40 per barrel for the first half of August, a senior oil ministry official said.

Hammud Ayoub, the ministry's director of foreign sales, said the new price of the top-grade Gulf of Suez was \$14.15 per barrel.

He said Belayim would sell for \$13.30 per barrel, Ras Badran for \$12.15 a barrel and Ras Ghareb for \$11.85 a barrel.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

### SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 3/8/88

B.No.	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel
2	Zarka	GHQ&Q	4747815
6	Falcu	Al Sawan	4746018
7	Kanika	GHQ&Q	4747815
8	Shazam	ISA	2441860
11	Barbara Morgan	Al Rashad	2423642
13	Dhula Giri	Balshir	2436920
14	Kasuga	ISA	2441860
FH3	Hua Yang	M.Bahar	2433881
16	Mistral	GHQ&Q	4747815
17	Takeshima Maru	Pronto	2433537
18	North Wind	Pronto	2433537

### SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel
3/8	Queen Emerald	Marasie	2465645
4/8	Professor		
	Mierzejewski	A.Seas	2421303

### SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

B.No.	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel
3	Seawind	S.Shaheen	2432692
5/8			

### SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel
4/8	Dubai	UASC	4843150
5/8	Willine Orient	Gh.Barber	4842988
6/8	Tug Gulf Master	S.Shaheen	2423692
7/8	Abu Basma	RSMS	2423642
8/8	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
10/8	Hercules	B.B.Hassan	2440359
10/8	Trade Freedom	MA.Bahar	2433881
11/8	New Oasis	Marasie	2465645
12/8	Atrops	MA.Bahar	2433881
12/8	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814
14/8	Soya Maru	RSMS	2423642

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## Dear Junior Readers,

Life is full of things that we probably would not do if we had the choice. We really have to force ourselves to get out of bed in the morning, to get off to school or work, to do homework or jobs around the house in the evening, or even to eat green vegetables or clean our teeth.

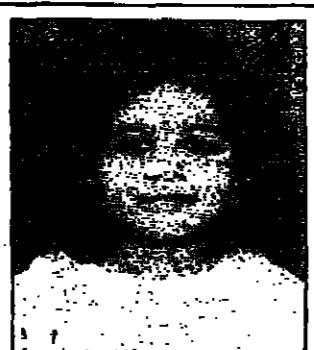
Hard as it may be to believe, most of the things that we find so unpleasant are in our best interest, though we may not feel that at the time. For example, if you do not get up in the morning, it means that you do not get to school, which means that you will not get the education you need for a good job in later life, which means... Same thing with not doing homework. When you are older, not getting up means not keeping a job which gives you the money you need to buy food and clothes and to pay the rent.

So, you see that all the awful things we would often rather not do are necessary and if we do not do them, we might find ourselves in a situation much more uncomfortable than leaving a warm bed in the morning.

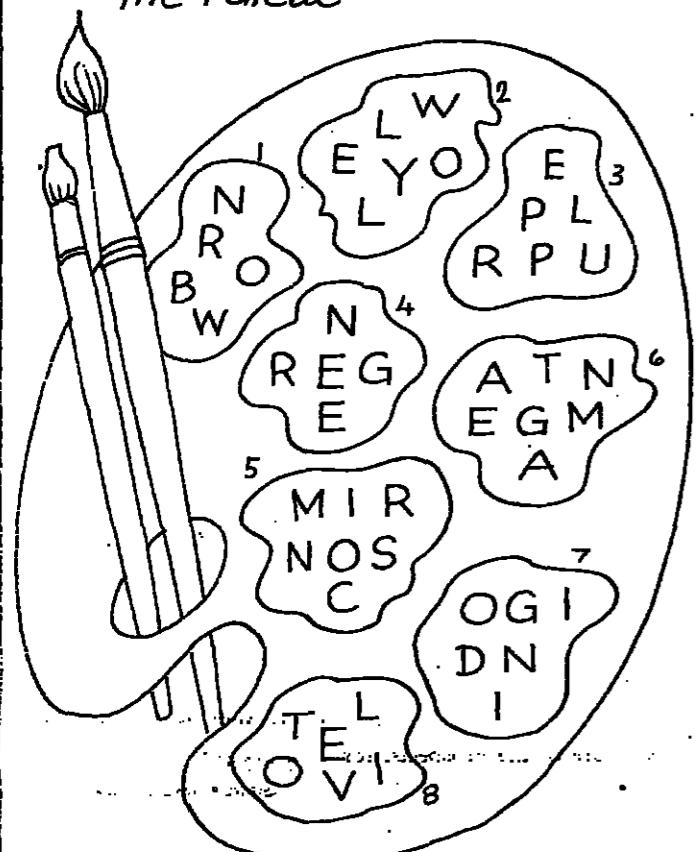
Auntie Jayne

## Happy birthday

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## The Palette



Solution on Tuesday

## Ha! Ha!

What has bread on both sides and frightens easily? A chicken sandwich.

Why will television never take the place of newspapers? Ever tried swatting flies with a television?

An American walked up to a stranger in the street and asked: 'Have you got a light, mac?' 'No,' he replied, 'a brown overcoat.'

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A man walked into a library and asked: 'Have you got any books with a good mystery ending?' Librarian: 'Yes, here's one with the last chapter torn out.'



## The why of man

## Why we have a skeleton

The movements of the body are carried out by special bundles of flesh called muscles. However, the complex muscular system would not be able to function at all if it were not supported by a suitable structure. This structure is the skeleton. It is in reality a kind of framework which supports the body.

Although this description is correct to a certain extent, it is not the whole story. First of all because the skeleton is a framework which is capable of very complex movements, quite different from ordinary frameworks; in the second place because the function of supporting the body is

BEDDGELELT lies near Snowdon in the country of Gwynedd, about 12 kilometres inland from the sea. 'Bedd' is the Welsh word for 'grave', so Beddgelert means the 'Grave of Gelert.'

This is the story of how it came to be so called.

Many years ago there lived a brave chieftain, called Llewellyn, in Snowdonia. Now Llewellyn had a faithful dog, Gelert, which had been presented to him by King John of England, and this dog was the leader of all Llewellyn's pack. At home he was as gentle as a lamb but in the hunt he was fierce and brave.

One day when Llewellyn and his men had assembled on the mountainside ready for hunting the hare, the huntsman blew aloud blast on his horn to rally the pack of hounds. To the huntsman's surprise Gelert, the leader of the pack, was not there. So he

blew again upon his horn. Still Gelert did not come. "It seems very strange that Gelert does not come in answer to my call," said the huntsman.

But they could not wait for him any longer and the huntsmen and the rest of the pack went on without him.

But somehow or other things went wrong that day. The chase was poor and the hound failed to run their quarry to earth.

At twilight Llewellyn rode sadly towards his castle. He was wondering greatly where Gelert had been all day. Just then he heard the familiar sound of his barking.

"Ah! Bad dog! Why did you fail me to-day? Where have you been?" Llewellyn began. But as he rode nearer he could see that

something was wrong. The dog did not bound forward to greet him as he usually did. He crouched low and licked his lips. Then, looking more closely at him, Llewellyn perceived that Gelert's coat was tangled and matted with clots of blood.

"What is the matter? Where did all this blood come from?" cried his master.

Here, there and everywhere the ground was smeared with it. Llewellyn dismounted hastily and ran into the castle. Here were signs everywhere of a struggle. Blood, freshly-spilled, lay all over the floor. No servants were there to answer to his call. Gelert followed at his master's heels, dragging his hind legs somewhat.

Quickly Llewellyn's



The poor dumb creature's eyes searched his master's face.

"If only I could speak!" he seemed to say. He crouched low and tried to lick his master's feet. But Llewellyn was furious.

"You, too, shall die, treacherous hound!" And so saying he plunged his sword into Gelert's side.

His dying yelp was heard from afar. It woke Llewellyn's sleeping child who murmured and cried out.

The chieftain searched in the direction from which the sound came. There, in another room, quite safe and sound, beneath a heap of bloodstained clothes, lay an enormous wolf!

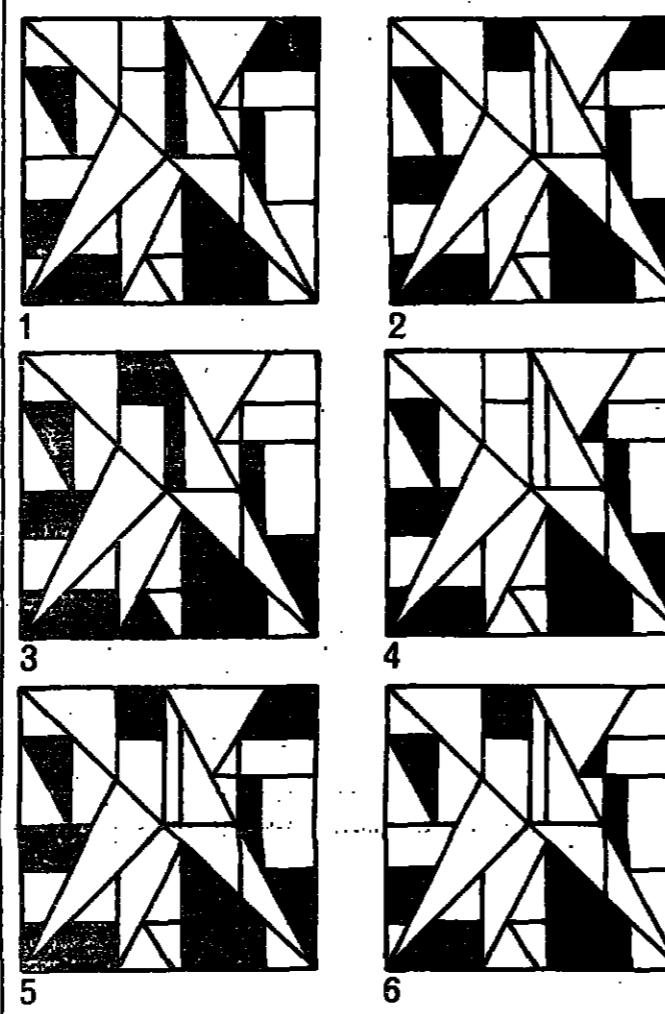
At his side, torn and mangled, but quite dead, lay an enormous wolf!

Now the truth was made clear to Llewellyn. The gallant dog had fought with the wolf and had killed him, in order to save the life of the child he so jealously guarded.

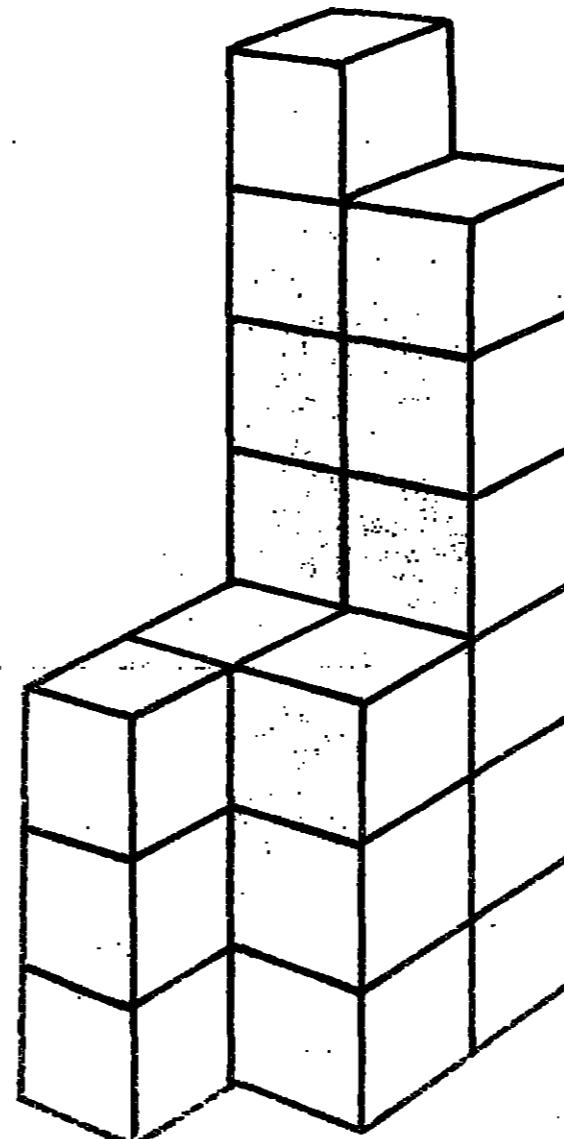
Llewellyn's grief was pitiful to behold. "The desperate deed which laid you low, this heart shall ever regret," said he.

So Gelert was buried with ceremony and there beneath a mound of stones, his grave can still be seen to this day.

## Which two squares are the same?



## How many cubes are in the stack?



## Truly amazing!

Dormice were a popular delicacy in Ancient Rome.

The Great Blue Heron catches fish by spearing them with its bill.

The wrinkled grey covering of the brain is made up of 9,000,000,000 cells.

There are six languages in North America which each have only one surviving speaker.

Ladies in sixteenth and seventeenth century England wore their wedding ring on their thumb.

A superintendent of nurses in the American Civil War refused to employ any nurse who was pretty.

On average we lose 11 oz of weight while we are asleep at night.

A girl in Perth, Australia, can read at 100,000 words per minute. In half an hour she read Hamlet, Wuthering Heights, and several short stories.

The official languages of the United Nations are Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The Romans used weasels to catch mice.

If all the corks of all the wine bottles produced in France each year were glued together, they would encircle the earth ten times.

Ivan the Terrible killed his favourite son in a burst of anger.

7½ million tonnes of water evaporate from the Dead Sea every day.

In October 1961 a new volcano on the island of Tristan da Cunha in the Atlantic rose to a height of 90 feet in a few hours.

The albatross has a hooked beak with which it can exert as much force as a pickaxe.

The word 'police' did not appear in official English until 1714. It was originally a French word.

## That's it

## The illusion:

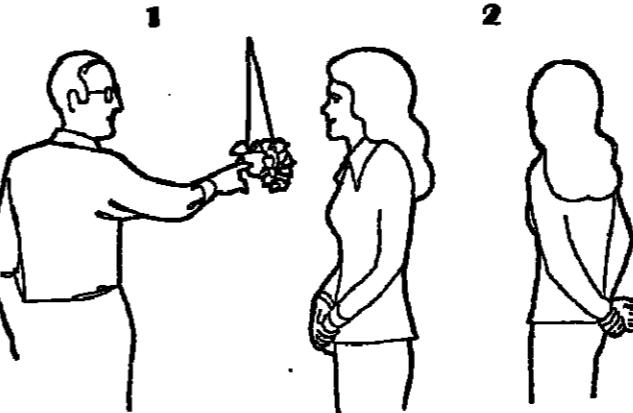
While you are guarded in another room, the group selects some object in plain view of everyone. You return and various things around the room are named one after another. When the right object is named you instantly verify it as the selected one!

## The preparation:

Once again your confederate either can be a secret or openly can be your special assistant. How does your assistant know when to indicate the proper object? He doesn't! The secret of this very baffling and unfathomable mystery is that you are the one to do the signaling. Read on!

## The trick:

You come back into the room and your friend starts naming or pointing to objects in different parts



When you move in the circles of the rich and famous, it's only natural that you'll know about the rules of etiquette. But the mark of true good breeding is when you make someone who is a little new to the game feel at ease, which is what Leapy the acting dog is doing here with a young colleague who recently joined the team.

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## SPORTS

**New Zealand announces cockpit crew for Cup**

SAN DIEGO, Aug 3 (Reuters): New Zealand's Michael Fay yesterday named the cockpit crew for his America's Cup challenge, tapping David Barnes, who won the World 12-metre Championship last year, to take the helm of his sloop against the Americans.

Fay also named Richard Morris, 27, the tactician and Peter Lester, 34, the navigator for the best-of-three America's Cup regatta scheduled for September 7 and 9 if necessary the 11th.

They are scheduled to race San Diego Yacht Club's Dennis Conner, the skipper of the Cup holder American's controversial catamaran.

"With a team of Kiwi batters and a lot of luck, maybe the catamaran will get the message and self-destruct," Fay said.

Barnes has been world champion in the 470 class three times and skippered KZ7 — New Zealand's challenge vessel in the last America's Cup series off Fremantle — when it won the World 12-metre Championship at Sardinia last year.

**Helmsman**

Lester is a former world OK dinghy champion and was helmsman of Propaganda, the top boat in Britain's Admiral's Cup series last year.

Morris is the computer development manager for Fay's challenge. He took part in the Fremantle series and navigated KZ7 in the 1987 World 12-metre Championships.

Fay said Barnes, 30, would get the best from both New Zealand and its crew.

"He has a huge task ahead of him, skippering the biggest boat built to contest the Cup in more than 50 years, and trying to beat a catamaran which is so much faster than we are."

New Zealand attorney Andrew John told Reuters that both sides have met this week and have other meetings planned to hammer out details of the America's Cup regatta.

**Wittmann wins first leg of Argentine rally**

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 3 (Reuters): Franz Wittmann of Austria won the first stage of the Argentine motor rally on a sandy course at the Buenos Aires horse racing track on last night.

Wittmann, driving a Lancia, went around the two-mile (three km) course in two minutes 40.23 seconds at an average speed of 43 mph (69 kph).

**Straight**

Italian Massimo Biasion, who is looking to clinch the World Drivers' Championship by winning the Argentine rally for the third straight year, was fifth in his Lancia.

Local star Jorge Recalde, also driving a Lancia, was second just over four seconds behind Wittmann, one of only a handful of Europeans taking part.

Austrians Rudi Stohl and Georg Fischer, driving Audi Quattros, were third and fourth respectively.

**MAYOTTE UPSET IN SECOND ROUND**

# Unseeded Nelson extends Becker

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 3. (Agencies): Two-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker was pushed to three sets before winning and fourth-seed Tim Mayotte was upset in the second round of the US Men's Hardcourt Championships last night.

Becker, the West German superstar, ranked fifth in the world and the top seed in this \$415,000 tournament, battled two hours and 29 minutes for his 6-3 6-7 (4-7) 6-2 victory over unseeded American Todd Nelson.

Mayotte, ranked 10th in the world, was ousted by fellow American Mark Dickson 7-6 (7-2) 6-3.

**Faults**

Becker did not lose his service, making 12 aces and committing nine double faults, with one giving Nelson the second set.

Jimmy Connors, the No. 2 seed, and fifth-seeded John McEnroe were to begin play this evening. Connors was to open against Pieter Aldrich of South Africa and McEnroe was to play Dan Cassidy. Third-seeded Brad Gilbert was to meet Jimmy Brown in an afternoon match.

Becker broke Nelson's serve in the fourth game of the opening set when Nelson hit four straight volleys into the net. Becker, a two-time Wimbledon winner and ranked fourth in the world, used his powerful serve to finish

off the set.

Nelson survived three break points to win the ninth game of the second set and take a 5-4 lead. The San Diego resident hit a crosscourt winner to take the match's longest game. Becker committed four unforced errors in the game.

Nelson won the first five points of the second-set tiebreak, helped by a double fault and two shots beyond the baseline by Becker. The West German took the next three points, then hit a volley into the net to give Nelson triple set point. Becker served his 12th ace of the match, then double faulted to drop the set.

Nelson, who lost 7-6, 7-5, to Becker three years ago in their only previous meeting, lost his serve in the sixth game of the final set. Becker hit a sideline winner and Nelson hit a return long to give Becker the game and a 4-2 lead. Becker held serve, took a bathroom break, then returned and broke Nelson's serve to finish the match, winning on a passing crosscourt winner.

Becker's match was his first on the circuit since Stefan Edberg defeated him 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2, to win the Wimbledon championship. Becker had returned to action two weeks ago by winning a pair of singles matches for West Germany in a Davis Cup semifinal triumph.

Aaron Krickstein, the No. 6



Becker had a tough game

seed, celebrated his 21st birthday yesterday by defeating Grant Connell and advancing to third-round play. Krickstein, of Grosse Pointe, Mich., eliminated his Canadian rival, 7-5, 6-4. The court temperature surpassed 120

degrees for a second straight day.

Seventh-seeded John Fitzgerald of Australia was upset, losing to John Ross, 6-3, 7-5. No. 8 Peter Lundgren of Sweden defeated Ken Flach, 6-1, 6-4 and 10th seed Derrick Rosagni,

eliminated Mexico's Francisco Maciel, 6-1, 6-3. Ross and Rosagni meet tomorrow in a third-round match.

"I didn't want to stay out there for two and a half hours," Becker said. "I had enough chances to win in two sets. I got down on myself when I didn't."

"My game plan was to keep the pressure on him," said Nelson, who has beaten some of the world's top players. "Playing him (Becker) you have to be ready for anything. I think I played a good match, but I can play better. The way the first set went (there was only one service break in the fourth game) I thought I could win."

**Balance**

Dickson, who ranks 147th in the world, said: "I dictated play more than he did. I was able to keep him off balance and make him miss. I play every point like it's a match point."

Ross, who ranked 153rd in the world, knocked off the seventh seeded Fitzgerald in one hour and 35 minutes.

Ross won the last four games of the first set and broke service in the 12th game of the second set with a passing forehand to beat Fitzgerald, who is ranked 27th.

Fitzgerald said Ross played "solid and deserved to win. He has a very effective game and a serve that kicks high. I was sluggish, I wasn't getting to the ball."

# Red Sox score 21st consecutive home victory

NEW YORK, Aug 3. (AP):

Mike Greenwell hit the first Grand Slam of his career in the first inning and the Red Sox went on to defeat the Texas Rangers 7-2 last night in Boston for their 21st consecutive home victory.

In equaling the club record of 21 in a row set in Fenway Park by the 1949 Red Sox, Boston moved to within one of the American League mark held by the 1931 Philadelphia Athletics.

The Major League record for the most consecutive home victories is 26 set by the New York Giants in 1916.

In Toronto, Jim Clancy won for the first time since June 23 with a seven-hitter and Fred McGriff belted two home runs, leading the Blue Jays to an 11-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Tony Fernandez had four hits and scored three times and Rance Mulliniks drove in three runs with a homer and double as the Blue Jays scored early and often.

**Doubled**

Ken Gerhart, a last-minute replacement when Cleveland changed pitchers just before game time, doubled to spark a four-run third inning as the Orioles snapped a three-game losing streak with a 5-2 victory in Baltimore.

Denny Gonzalez singled with one out in the 10th off Neal Heaton, 3-7, and Glenn Wilson doubled. Pinch-hitter Barry Bonds singled to tie the score and Andy McGaffigan relieved. Lind then singled over Dave Martinez's head in right, sending the Expos to their second loss in nine games.

Rex Hudler hit his first Major League home run in the top of the inning to give Montreal a 2-1 lead.

The Dodgers' Tim Leary pitched a six-hitter for his National League-leading fifth shutout as Los Angeles beat the Reds 2-0.

Leary, 11-7, has allowed four runs in his last 43 innings, winning four of five starts and lowering his earned-run average to 2.24. He struck out three and walked two in the game in Los Angeles.

**Results**

American League

Toronto	11	Minnesota	0
Chicago	7	Oakland	5
Detroit	1	Kansas City	0
Califonia	10	Seattle	3
Milwaukee	11	New York	5
Boston	7	Texas	2
National League			
New York	3	Chicago	1
Pittsburgh	3	Montreal	2
San Diego	3	Atlanta	1
Los Angeles	2	Cincinnati	0
Houston	12	San Francisco	10
Philadelphia	2	St Louis	0

## Trad and Iranian athletes to be housed together

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug 3, (AP): Athletes from such warring nations as Iran and Iraq will be housed as far apart as possible in the Olympic village, and each of the village's 82 buildings will have its own separate security, officials said.

The buildings housing warring nations' athletes would have no special added security, they said, but no one would be admitted to any residential building without the permission of the leader of the team staying there.

**Facilities**

The whole village will be under tight guard, but athletes will be free to mingle in its "international zone," which houses the dining hall, shopping areas and recreational facilities, the officials said at a news briefing.

Kim Bok-Hee, deputy director of the village, said national team locations within the residential area were assigned according to the nation's continents, language, religion and cultural

similarities. Within the buildings, team leaders assign the rooms, he said.

We also took political aspects into consideration, but they did not play a big role because basically the Olympics is not a political event," Kim said.

He added, however, that teams such as Iran's and Iraq's were being kept far apart in the village of 50 hectares (123 acres). It is expected to house about 13,000 athletes and officials from 161 nations for the biggest Olympics ever.

Only six nations have not responded to invitations to the Games: North Korea, Cuba, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Albania and the Seychelles. Communist North Korea, an archrival of the South, has said it would boycott the Games unless it is made a co-host.

Kim said rooms will be kept for the six nations that have not responded, in case they eventually send teams to Seoul.

## Slaney hopes to bury Los Angeles nightmare

EUGENE, Oregon, Aug 3, (Reuters): One of the most haunting memories of the Los Angeles Olympics remains the image of American Mary Slaney being carried from the coliseum in tears after crashing to the track in the 3,000 metres final.

Slaney clear favourite for the gold medal after her thrilling 1,500-3,000 double in the Helsinki World Championships two years earlier, had been a teenage prodigy who fulfilled all her heady promise.

At 14 she became the youngest athlete to represent her country in international competition when she ran a mile in the indoor US-Soviet Union meeting in 1973.

She went on to set five world and 21 US records and reached the highpoint of her career when she outraced the best runners in the world in the Finnish capital.

**Memories**

But Slaney, who was also the women's overall champion in the first Grand Prix circuit three years ago, has no happy memories of the Olympics.

In 1976 she was injured and in 1980 the United States boycotted the Moscow Olympics.

Then came 1984 and the most bitter disappointment of all.

Slaney and Briton Zola Budd were involved in a collision which left Slaney distraught on the track and Budd also in tears as the crowd booed her during the rest of the race.

Slaney, carried from the coliseum in the burly arms of her then-fiance and now husband Richard, held a news conference which ended suddenly when she



Slaney (left) being carried off by Richard after her collision with Budd

"I started thinking about it about three hours after the clash," she told Reuters.

"I'm happy with my life," she said. "I don't think I'm putting as much pressure on myself as before. I think I've calmed down a little bit."

Slaney's injury-disrupted career has been largely due to overtraining but now she seems to have cured a tendency to run too far, too fast.

"She's not running as many miles and she's taking one day off a week," De Oliveira said. "She is able to hold herself back. That is really helping Mary."

The one thing that hasn't changed is her motivation. She hasn't lost that."

Slaney, who still holds the world mile record and all American records from 800 to 10,000 metres, missed last season through calf and Achilles tendon injuries.

She started this season with some trepidation but has gone undefeated in her nine races so far, including five in nine days at the US trials.

"She's more confident of herself as a person now," says husband Richard. "Mary is more relaxed. You can think about things on the track too much. Being involved with the family is a positive influence."

De Oliveira, who has been her coach since 1985, agrees.

"You can't live for training," he said. "I suspect Mary was much like that before. She loves Richard and she loves being a mother and these are positive distractions."

Slaney is the epitome of a doting mother, eager to show visitors the latest picture of her

**Trains**

And Slaney now has a new coach, Brazilian Luiz de Oliveira who lives in Eugene and trains a number of world-class runners, including Brazil's 1984 Olympic 800 metres champion Joaquim Cruz.

These changes have helped bring a new maturity and peace of mind to the American, who turns 30 on August 4.

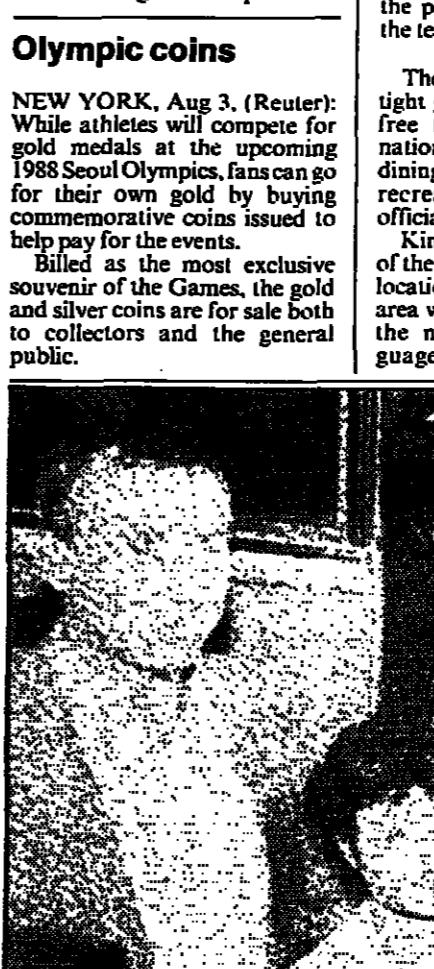
"She's more confident of herself as a person now," says husband Richard. "Mary is more relaxed. You can think about things on the track too much. Being involved with the family is a positive influence."

De Oliveira, who has been her coach since 1985, agrees.

"You can't live for training," he said. "I suspect Mary was much like that before. She loves Richard and she loves being a mother and these are positive distractions."

Slaney's husband Richard is also looking forward to the Olympics.

"Hopefully I'll be carrying her off again," he grins. "Under different circumstances."



Slaney (left) being carried off by Richard after her collision with Budd

W. INDIES PACEMAN NEEDS FOUR ENGLAND WICKETS IN LAST TEST

## Marshall threatens Trueman's record

LONDON, Aug. 3, (Reuters): Malcolm Marshall, the scourge of England's batsmen, can add lustre to his mounting personal achievements by claiming a wicket-taking record in the fifth and final cricket Test starting at the Oval tomorrow.

The West Indies' premier fast bowler needs four more wickets to beat the highest aggregate in a series between the teams — 34 by England paceman Freddie Trueman in the 1963 rubber in this country.

Marshall has already left an indelible mark this season with 31 wickets in the first four Tests, giving Viv Richards's side a winning 3-lead, and to sign off with the best-ever tally would crown a performance of the highest quality.

### Selectors

The Barbadian paceman's trail of destruction has caused such disarray in the England camp that the selectors have picked 27 players during this series, with their problems now compounded by a crop of injuries to the Oval squad.

Following the withdrawal of fast bowler Graham Dilley on Sunday with an injured knee, England's woes reached mammoth proportions yesterday with captain Chris Cowdrey forced to pull out because of a bruised foot along with prospective Test debutant Kim Barnett, who has a hand injury.

That led to urgent calls to all-



Marshall makes an appeal for lbw against Lamb in the earlier Test.

rounder David Capel and his Northamptonshire batsman colleague Rob Bailey to rein-

force the squad of 13, plus the appointment of Graham Gooch as captain — the fourth player to

lead England during the series. Bailey, also receiving his first Test call, has been included because of serious doubts about the fitness of England's most successful batsman, Allan Lamb, who tore a calf muscle during the fourth Test.

England have had to call up such a large number of players in an attempt to combat West Indies' unrelenting fast bowling, the formula for their success over the last decade and effectively used in the current series by Marshall and a new generation of Caribbean pacemen.

Marshall has been both the spearhead and the inspiration to Richards's team, showing what an accomplished performer he has become with a mastery of swing and seam from a reduced run-up to complement his sheer speed.

He has now taken 286 wickets in 57 Tests and could move to the threshold of 300 — a landmark reached by only eight other bowlers in cricket history — on a pitch at the Oval that tends to have rather more pace than most in England.

With an essentially ideal batting surface in prospect, it is unlikely England will play only three specialist bowlers as in the fourth Test.

Left-arm spinner John Childs, who was omitted from the fourth Test after making his debut in the previous match, looks a probable inclusion as the only slow

bowler in the squad, with fast-medium Neil Foster another certainty.

To complete the likely minimum of four bowlers, two pacemen will have to be chosen from Gladstone Small, Derek Pringle and Philip Drefreitas, who replaced Dilley.

While England juggle with their battered resources in an attempt to produce a worthy blend, West Indies seem set to keep their winning nucleus in the light of Richards's comments after the 10-wicket win in the last Test at Old Trafford.

"There will be no let-up," said the West Indian captain, making clear his intentions to finish on a winning note at the Oval.

### Missed

Richards can recall his vice-captain and senior opening batsman, Gordon Greenidge, who missed the fourth Test with a neck injury. Keith Arthurton, awarded his first cap at Old Trafford, may have to make way for Greenidge.

West Indies' only concern is the fitness of wicket-keeper Jeff Dujon, who injured an ankle while fielding as substitute against Essex at the weekend.

He would be missed as much for his consistently elegant batting — he averages 48.30 in the series — as his ability behind the stumps. The uncapped David Williams from Trinidad is reserve keeper.



## Norman's participation in World Cup uncertain

SYDNEY, Aug. 3, (Reuters): Greg Norman's participation in December's World Cup of golf was thrown into question again today when the head of the Australian PGA warned that players might boycott the tournament.

PGA president Terry Gale insisted that the two-man Australian team would be made up of Peter Senior and Roger MacKay, first and second in the 1987 Order of Merit, as originally announced.

Yesterday, the organisers of the invitation event ignored the PGA team, saying world number one Norman and Rodger Davis would play in the event from December 8-11 at Royal Melbourne.

Gale said he believed players would back the PGA decision and would make it difficult for the organisers to pick a team.

"We can't physically or legally stop them playing but I think they will back us on this," he said.

"I don't think anyone will accept an invitation knowing they were dudding their mates."

Norman was not picked by the PGA because he played only four tournaments last season, one less than the number required to qualify for the Order of Merit.

World Cup promoter Tony Roosenburg said of the PGA: "They are not involved in picking the team, they are irrelevant. We know he (Norman) wants to play and I am confident he will play."

### Decision

A spokesman for Norman's agents, the International Management Group, said Norman hoped to make a decision next week.

"The issue is still up in the air. Greg is concerned about the ramifications about not playing for Australia in bicentennial year against going against the wishes of the PGA," the spokesman told Reuters. "He does not want to make waves."

## Taiwanese not allowed to compete in China

TAIPEI, Aug. 3, (UPI): The Chinese-Taipei Olympic Committee today said a Taiwanese gymnastics team cannot compete on the China mainland, despite recent overtures by the government, until official policy is changed.

The committee denied responsibility for blocking the Taiwan gymnastics team from competing in the Pan-Pacific Games to be held on the China mainland in December.

### Participate

The gymnasts would have been the first Taiwanese athletes to participate in an international competition on the mainland.

The ruling Nationalist Party endorsed a more liberal mainland policy during its 13th National Congress in July, which would allow both academic and athletic exchanges.

The Army of Nationalist Party

leader Chiang Kai-Shek fled the mainland in 1949 and established its government in Taiwan. The party has never relinquished its claim to be legitimate government of all of China.

But in recent months relations between Taipei and Beijing have appeared to improve.

On Friday, President Lee Teng-Hui called for the further expansion of civilian contacts with the mainland.

But an Olympic committee spokesman said the government has not yet formulated a policy to govern the exchanges.

"Of course we are willing, we are just waiting for the policy," said Frederick Yun, acting deputy secretary-general of the Olympic committee.

Yun said the decision on whether the gymnasts could perform on the mainland rests with Premier Yu Ku-Hua.

## BBC and BSB clinch £20m deal for FA Cup

LONDON, Aug. 3, (Reuters): A television company battle to screen English soccer matches, which threatened to cause a major split in the game, took a fresh turn today with a deal involving the Football Association (FA) Cup.

The state-owned British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) are to televise games in the FA Cup in a five-year agreement starting in 1992, to be worth around £20 million (\$35 million), the FA said.

The two firms recently dropped out of a battle with the coun-

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Imran Khan

HOVE, England, Aug. 3, (Reuters): Imran Khan's 11-year association with English County Cricket Club Sussex is likely to end after one more match. The Pakistan captain is expected to make his final appearance in a four-day games against Surrey in September and is unlikely to be considered for any other fixtures. Sussex said yesterday.

### Viv Richards

LONDON, Aug. 3, (Reuters): West Indies captain Viv Richards, already assured of victory in the current Test series, said today he would like to lead a fresh onslaught against England in the tour planned for 1991.

### Top sirs

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 3, (Reuters): Roberto, one of the top sirs in North America whose offspring have won \$14.7 million and 59 stakes races, died yesterday at the age of 19.

### Miguel Lora

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3, (UPI): The California Athletic Commission yesterday began an investigation to determine whether Miguel Lora of Colombia ingested an illegal substance during the successful defense of his World Boxing Council bantamweight crown.

### Fight guarantee

NEW YORK, Aug. 3, (AP): Top Rank has offered World Boxing Council welterweight champion Lloyd Honeyghan of Britain a guarantee of \$500,000 to fight Donald Curry of the United States, for his WBC super welterweight title in October, a spokesman said yesterday.

### Rugby tour

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 3, (Reuters): A strong World XV rugby side will soon tour South Africa and some players are already on their way. South Africa's rugby union chief Danie Craven said today.

### Mike Hillardt

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 3, (AP): Australian 1,500 metres champion Steffi Edberg of Sweden and Steffi Graf of West Germany. Edberg, the world's second-ranked men's player, will have countrywoman Mats Wilander and West Germany's Boris Becker as his main rivals in Seoul. Others taking part include Henri Leconte of France and Americans Brad Gilbert and Tim Mayotte.

Graf, the world's top-ranked woman, heads a powerful line-up that includes Chris Evert and Pam Shriver of the United States, Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini and Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union.

The ITF said 11 of the top 20 male players and 15 of the leading 20 women in the world computer rankings would be competing for gold, silver and bronze medals in singles and doubles.

The Olympic tennis event runs from Sept. 20 through Oct. 1.

The most notable tennis absences in Seoul will include world No. 1 Ivan Lendl, American John McEnroe and Australia's Pat Cash, who was originally entered for the draw but withdrew for personal reasons last month.

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Martina Navratilova is the most obvious non-starter in the women's draw, but ITF officials said they were well pleased with the entry list.

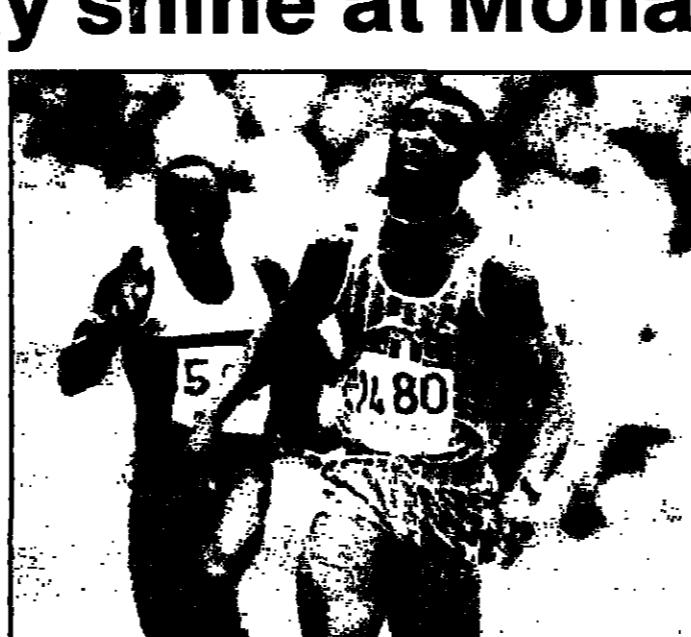
"For over 10 years, the International Tennis Federation has been in the forefront in the struggle to return tennis to the Olympics," ITF President Philippe Charlier said in a statement.

"Now all the qualifying events are over, we have an outstanding field of players from around the world who will be in Korea. It is going to be a historical event for all concerned."

Players taking part in the Olympics earned a berth by direct acceptance, wild cards and qualifying. No more than three players were allowed from any one country, and preference was given to nations who have performed well in Davis Cup and Federation Cup competitions over the past 18 months.

The seeds, 16 in the men's event and 12 in the women's, will be selected in Seoul shortly before the draw, which takes place on Sept. 18.

Charlier said tennis had now earned the same international recognition as other Olympic sports.



Imoh on his way to victory in the 100 metres

third in 10.34.

Romanians swept the women's 1,500 with Mihaela Constantini winning in 4:03.49 with Doina Melinte and Viorica Ghican also under 4:05.

American Danette Young won the women's 200 in 22.23.

Another American, Andrew Valmon, took the men's 400 in 45.18 leading a sweep for the United States. Mark Rowe, 45.32, and Clarence Daniel, 45.44, followed.

Yesterday, Moses, the outstanding 400-metre hurdler, was

among the missing at a meet he was scheduled to appear in.

Meet organisers had been advertising him to oppose Olympic teammate Kevin Young and West German rival Harold Schmid, third in the 1984 Olympic Games and 1987 World Championships.

But when Moses found out his opposition, Moses told the organisers that he was bypassing the meet to avoid meeting Olympic challengers before the Olympic Games.

Moses has won the 1976 and 1984 Olympic Games and the 1983 and 1987 world titles.

"He said that it was too early for his first meet in Europe and to run against Schmid and Harris. There was too much tension," said Jean-Pierre Schoebel, the director of the meet.

"It wasn't a question of money, there wasn't a lot of money involved," Schoebel said.

So, when Moses bowed out, so did Young and Schmid.

"Young didn't come because he had to start school and Schmid wasn't in form and he didn't feel like running against those people."

plagued by allegations of match-fixing and the once-powerful national side has had five managers in the last two years after suffering a number of humiliating defeats.

Under the new rules, a winning team after 90 minutes will receive three points instead of two. A side victorious in a penalty shoot-out will receive two points and the loser one.

Hungarian soccer has been

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